NGTS Enterprise-Level Collection Services
Interim Report
June 30, 2010

This group has held six conference calls up through June 21. At that time, it was felt that there were four major areas of research and discussion that could most productively be discussed at a sub-group level, given that the chair would be attending ALA Annual and generally unavailable until July 1. The four areas of discussion are:

1. A single dataset/database of system-wide bibliographic information: how? Doing cataloging/metadata at the network level. Establishing a minimum bib. standard for different materials (see HOTS non-Roman report). Everyone in system upgrades record at network level, not local. BIBCO record standard being examined at UCSD. Acceptance of these minimum bib standards by collection managers, needs to be communicated from the top downwards. Use of MODS/METS/MADS? Use of eXtensible toolkit?

Members: Adrian (Chair), Lisa, Linda, Brad

2. Functions to be done at network level: authority work, serials title changes. Use of OCLC web-scale management services circulation and acquisitions modules

Members: Lisa (Chair), Nick, Brad, [Armanda]

3. ERMS that records Tier I-III journals, licenses, etc.

Members: Carlo (Chair), Adrian

4. "Virtual" Shared Cataloging Program model, Centers of Excellence

Members: Linda (Chair), Nick, Marcus

These groups have held 2-3 conference calls amongst themselves, and are scheduled to report their discussions to the group at a July 1 conference call.

The group early on discussed the idea of moving towards an open-source ILS. This idea was shelved after discussion with various members of the NGTS Executive Team, and a broader understanding of both political and economic realities within the UC Libraries.

The chair attended various meetings during ALA Annual regarding OCLC's development of their web-scale management services, and this may be an option for enterprise-level collection services, given the current use of WorldCat Local. More information is needed to determine whether this is an option, both short-term and long-term; the chair suggests that a conference call between Andrew Pace, Martha Hruska, Bruce Miller, Brad Eden, and any others to ask specific questions regarding this service which is scheduled to launch July 1, 2010 for early adopters should be considered.

The group has actively kept their wiki current with documents and meeting minutes.