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SUBJECT: Report on Heads of Technical Services (HOTS)

During the period between October 2010 and February 2011, Heads of Technical Services (HOTS) scheduled six conference calls. Approved minutes from the HOTS calls are posted to: http://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/hots/ .

HOTS is charged:
- To provide expertise and leadership to SOPAG on emerging technical services issues.
- To coordinate systemwide technical services activities related to MELVYL and the CDL.
- To serve as a discussion group among the members on technical services issues and innovations.
- To serve as a resource and focus for information exchange on technical services issues for the University of California.
- To communicate with and disseminate to all campus groups, SOPAG, appointed task forces, and other common interest groups information on technical services issues.

Major issues addressed by HOTS during this period included:

1. Next Generation Technical Services (NGTS)

   By far, the reports related to NGTS dominated discussion within HOTS. HOTS devoted several meetings to implications of the NGTS Task Group reports and the response from the Council of University Librarians. In addition, members discussed roles HOTS should play during implementation.

2. ULs Advisory Structure

   In October, HOTS responded to a proposal for restructuring of the Council of University Librarians advisory structure for increased efficiency and effectiveness. After considering implications of the proposed changes, HOTS suggested alternatives to achieve the desired goals.

3. "Single" v. "Separate" Record Approach: Report from the Local Holdings Records Group:

   Impetus for this discussion came from a report from the Local Holdings Records (LHR) Group. The LHR Group was tasked by the Next Generation Melvyl Implementation Team to recommend whether the Shared Cataloging Program (SCP) should continue to distribute serial bibliographic records following the "single record" approach or whether SCP should transition to the "separate record" approach. Until now, the UC policy for serial bibliographic records has been to choose a record describing the print serial and to add a link pointing to the online serial. However, the UC policy for monographs has been to use separate records to describe print and online versions.

   HOTS supported moving forward prospectively with the separate record approach.