Minutes of the LAUC SB Meeting  
January 28, 2008


Program – Anne Barnhart has a few programs planned but will be confirming dates

CAP Elaine – CAP hasn’t met recently but things are moving.

CAAR – Chimene reported on the search for Head of Access Services, made recommendations for Head of Cataloging and Metadata, search for Original Cataloger is closing end of February and meeting to put a committee together. Econ/Data position is still on hold.

Brad would like to meet with the committee for the Original Cataloger position to discuss what he is looking for in candidates.

WOM – Sherri reports that they co-sponsored the academic review brown bag – Eunice, Sherry, and Patrick participated on the panel. Sherri would like to know the status of the orientation checklist. WOM will meet tomorrow. We also had a special WOM meeting with the new librarians about getting involved with ALA and other professional organizations. Tomorrow they will discuss the status of the checklist, webpage for new librarians and programs for upcoming quarters.

CPD – The report is finished and submitted. The preliminary report was turned in in November. The Library provides funds to Librarians for professional development. Historically, the professional development funds have always been used to travel to conferences. The charge to CPD was to find out whether these funds could be used to support research or other creative activities. CPD looked at what other UC campuses have done with their professional development funds. Other UCs have one of two things going on – they either have a separate committee for research development or one committee for research and professional development. In light of this, LAUC-SB may want to rename CPD to Committee on Research and Professional Development.

Historically, research proposals have been sent to the systemwide LAUC for their funding. Statewide process has a pretty cumbersome application process. This might become seed money for someone doing preliminary research. At a later stage, this project could be submitted to statewide funding. Could supplement state funding as well. We didn’t have guaranteed travel funding until the MOU. The UL would also allotted the same amount to those not covered in the MOU.

We can vote to make this a final report and then decide whether to put the name change out to vote.
It was suggested that we have it once a year before the fiscal year begins. The proposals should be in by May or June. The funds will be distributed on July 1. There should be a process in place so that there can be planning and ability to maximize. It's such a small amount of money and the report was designed to be flexible. But if there was a timeline, there could be 2 deadlines to apply by. The goal should be to get the funds out to the librarians and not put up barriers to the funds. It's such a small amount of money so perhaps we should keep it simple and not necessarily require an end product such as a paper or presentation like we don't for conference attendance.

The final report is due February 15th. We should pursue the change of the name of CPD and that will be included in the final report.

Brad has information about what's been going on systemwide on the OCLC WorldCat implementation. There are a number of lengthy reports on the University of California webpage. We'd like to know of some of the major issues that we may not know about. We'd have a few concerns and would like to know where if anywhere we can make impact. We'd also like to know about how we're going to make the announcement to our users.

The launch will be April 2nd. The deadline's been pushed back twice, will probably not happen a third time. WorldCat Local is about moving towards one interface and Melvyl is too hard to maintain. LAUC SB might be interested in keeping track of: Help and End Users Support Task Group and End User Communication Task Group. Not sure whether there will be focus groups or whether all campuses will be involved. There's supposed to be a user assessment group but it has not been launched yet. There will be a lot of assessment going on immediately after the launch. There are still a lot to be worked on such as the reclamation project. We just got a document from OCLC about what we can link up to. We will be getting more of these kinds of documents as we get closer to launch. The communication will be coming faster and more often. We are about to launch the reclamation project here at UCSB. We will also be in the process of keeping our OCLC holdings records up-to-date. We are ready to send our database out - 2.5 million records. They want 95K records at a time. This is a priority for OCLC. We will then start getting reports back. We don't necessarily know what all we may have to do in terms of clean up of our records, but we may be fixing 250K to 1.5 million records. We want to get this right the time so that we do not have to do this again. Here at this campus, we may be slowing down the cataloging except for rush cataloging. For a while, we were cataloging in 2 systems at once and for a while someone decided not to attach OCLC numbers to ARLEN records. Those records were not uploaded into the OCLC system. We're hoping that the ARLEN records will go in ok regardless because they are pretty complete and there are other match points such as ISBN. We are worried about brief records for example government publications because those records were put together quick and dirty and are not complete.

Question: What publicity will we have before the launch? Brad does not know. Both Melvyl and OCLC WorldCat Local will be running simultaneously. As users identify problems or desired features, they will only be fixed or launched on OCLC WorldCat
Local. Perhaps Patrick will know about the public services side of this project and could answer questions about publicity of this launch. We are getting questions from faculty and students about this launch and we don't know what to tell them. We've been waiting for directions from system-wide. University librarians have been ok about communication, it's OCLC that has held back. This is a pilot so perhaps this is more like a database trial as opposed to a launch to the public. The public is going to be excited about this launch because of all the Web 2.0 features that will be available. Perhaps the LAUC SB should have a small group of faculty and students test the launch. If we're going to be missing 85% of our records, we do not want to promote. The university librarians want the public to get used to the new interface but people are going to have to go back to the old Melvyl to find records anyway. Can we turn off the search feature of the First Search article search?

What about the items in SRLF that aren’t in the system? Who will be imputing those – people at UCLA or will the items be brought back to UCSB to be done locally?

We need to do our own creation of publicity documents and do some searching to see what other UCs are placing on their websites as well as look at what the task groups have said in their minutes. UCOP is going through a lot of change right now, which might be why we may not be getting the kind of support we’re used to getting.