

July 24, 2007

The following people participated in the conference call, which began at 10:00.

Connie Taylor (FAMU)
Flo Turcotte (UF)
Eileen Brady (UNF)
Mark Greenberg (USF)
Lucy Patrick (FSU)
Dee Cael (FAU)
Vicki Silvera (FIU)
Dean DeBolt (UWF)

Mark indicated to the group that he fears that the \$75,000 from FCLA for digital collections will likely be redirected to electronic resources for this FY.

The group spoke about what work could be accomplished without FCLA funds. Much of the discussion surrounded oral history interviews. Mark shared the Oral History Program collection in DigiTool at <http://kong.lib.usf.edu:8881>.

Mark also shared information about digital audio file transcription software and USB foot pedals for transcribing. Foot pedals can be purchased for approx. \$60 at Executive Communication Systems (805) 644-9525; <http://www.tvps.com>. Mark recommends model VE-INUSB. Mark recommend the use of Express Scribe for transcribing software. It is free and can be used in a Mac and PC environment. The web site to download a free copy of Express Scribe is at <http://www.nch.com.au/scribe/>. Mark will check to see what hardware and software (including settings) are needed to convert analog audio cassette to digital file. He loaded the USF oral history program release form to the swiki for others to see.

The group asked Mark to make formal inquiry as to the availability of the FCLA \$75,000 before the group makes any decisions about the future of its digital collections projects. Also, group members will ask within their respective institutions about the willingness to participate in digital collections activities if FCLA funds are not available. Campus newspapers, A/V conversion, and oral history interviews are the three collections of continuing interest.

The next conference call is August 28 at 10:00.