TSPC Conference Call Minutes
April 24, 2008

The meeting was convened at 2 p.m. by Chair Dan North.

Present: Janice Donahue, Maria Berenbaum, Deb Hoban, Teresa Abaid, Helen Laurence (*FAU*); Jean Phillips, Daniel Cromwell, Mary Ann O'Daniel (*FCLA*); Elaine Winske, Sue Wartzok (*FIU*); Amy Weiss, Ruth Ziegler, Dongqing Xie, Charles McElroy, and Elizabeth Fairley (*FSU*); Kim Montgomery (*UCF*); Betsy Simpson (*UF*); Cecilia Botero (*UF-Health*); Verna Urbanski, Barbara Tuck (*UNF*); Susan Heron (*USF*); Allison Howard (*USF-Health*); Dan North (*UWF*), Patricia Bingham-Harper (*FSU-Law*), Tom Tharrington (*NCF*)

Minutes of March 27, 2008: There was discussion of whether or not TAG wants specific product recommendations. It was agreed that the minutes as written are correct and they were approved.

FSU will host the next call and take the minutes.

Announcements:
Verna announced that Jeffrey Bowen, formerly the cataloger at FIU-Law, will be the new cataloging department head at UNF starting May 5.

Cecilia announced that she had attended the most recent CSUL meeting and she reported on the desire of the directors to move to shared bibliographic records statewide. Several of the directors were very enthusiastic about wishing to go forward with this initiative. However, there was apparently no directive and there has been no communication with us on the subject since that meeting. It was recalled that our discussion last year was cut short because we needed to devote our time to the re-indexing project.

It was suggested that TSPC members discuss the issue with their directors. In the discussion, make sure that the directors are aware that the investigation of this issue is on the TSPC Action Plan and that last year we put together a list of issues that needed to be examined. We are aware of possible reasons why moving forward with this idea may seem attractive—the possible facilitation of unmediated ILL, the possibility of shared approval plans for e-books, the possible facilitation of work related to the shared storage facility, and the management view that there is excessive and redundant editing of bib records going on. However, in discussing the issue with our directors, we should try to learn more about why they see this idea so positively.

Reports:
Liaisons to OPAC subcommittee & vice versa: Barbara reported on today's OPAC Subcommittee call. Josh Greben of FCLA reported that two new servers have been installed. As a consequence, merge and indexing are finishing much faster. Merge used to take twenty hours to run; now it takes only nine. Indexing used to take seven hours;

now it takes only four. A total update can be done in approximately thirteen hours which means that updates can be accomplished more often.

The Subcommittee is going to try radio buttons in the Test Catalog for *Keyword or *Search begins, as is done in the catalog of Penn State University. See http://cat.libraries.psu.edu/uhtbin/cgisirsi/5wgOJ5rqbv/UP-PAT/150040153/60/26/X

Another idea that is going to be tried in the Test Catalog is to link from the Google book cover to the full record and then have the option of linking to the Google Book Search page. UF discovered that serial records do not link to Google Book Search.

The possibility of text messaging is still under discussion.

UF discovered a problem with the Library/Collections facet when searches are limited to a specific library (e.g., UF Health Sciences). They found that their UF-wide shared e-resources do not display. FCLA pointed out that it is a university-specific set-up issue which depends on how the facets for the sublibraries and collections were defined. The problem may be only at UF; other SULs that were set up differently may not have the problem.

TSPC report at FLA - Jeannette Ward is doing the TSPC report for us.

Authorities Subcommittee – Priscilla Williams is presenting the Subcommittee report. Elaine offered to send out the report or to post it on the TSPC reports webpage.

Metadata Subcommittee and liaison to DISC – There will not be a Metadata Subcommittee report at FLA. Emmet Denny, Chair of the Subcommittee, was not able to be on today's call but Kim & Daniel were able to report on the most recent conference call. There has been a change in the migration plans so that all the QF records will migrate to DLU01 and it will happen in the next couple of weeks.***** Suppressed records will continue to be suppressed. The push is for FCLA to get them off of NOTIS and into DLU01 as quickly as possible in view of the NOTIS drop dead date.

There has also been discussion of the role of the DISC Subcommittee as compared to the Metadata Subcommittee. It was agreed that best practices and standards belong to the Metadata Subcommittee but the discussion was less clear when it is a question of whether the Metadata Subcommittee is to deal only with descriptive metadata or with some other types of metadata as well. It may be necessary for DISC and Metadata members to be present on the same call in order to clarify this together.

Status of TSPC action plan items:
Action objective 1.4: GenLoad enhancements – Mary Ann has sent out a spreadsheet with rankings of difficulty and number of votes. There was concern expressed that some of the easier upgrades will continue to lose out to more substantive upgrades. In future, it may be necessary to have each SUL vote on one difficult upgrade and one or two easy ones. In the interest of getting started ASAP on the current upgrade, it was agreed that

numbers 2, 3, & 9 will be done first. Mary Ann will remove these enhancements from the list and renumber so that additional suggestions can be added and so that we'll have a list ready for the next vote.

Action objective 3.4: Indexing - Mary Ann also reported on indexing. She's having some funky problems with MeSH12. She plans to work next on heading indexes for authorities and bibs. There will be multiple things going on at the same time. It will be messy but we will get through it. Mary Ann has been working mainly with the Authorities Subcommittee but she has tried to remember to include the TSPC in her messages. She is working in DEV18 where she is also testing the parallel indexing procedure. She had been using some FIU test data but the work turned out to take longer than expected because of some personnel changes at FCLA. It now turns out that FIU needs to refresh their test database. She will discuss how to proceed with FIU off list.

Action objective 3.1: Reports - Jean reported that there's a new FCLA webpage that was created for the orientation of several new SUL directors. There's an "Introduction to FCLA" page at http://wiki.fcla.edu:8000/FCLA-LMS/50 and there is also a "Reports Overview" at http://wiki.fcla.edu:8000/FCLA-LMS/51 . Under each report type there's information about what reports are available and where a user can get help.

The software used to create ARROW reports is out-dated and FCLA is looking for a more flexible report writing tool. The way ExLibris has set up its Aleph Oracle data tables is not efficient for use with standard query language (SQL), especially when the data needed for a report is stored in multiple tables. FCLA is working on reconfiguring the Aleph data into a more standard format in the Data Warehouse so that it can be better used for report writing. The tools that FCLA has been looking into include Cognos and BIRT. They are currently evaluating the capabilities of BIRT and hope to use it to generate ARROW reports. The great thing about BIRT is that it's open source.

If BIRT works out, FCLA hopes to use BIRT so that non-tech people in the SUL can run their own reports—without knowing SQL. Other than Donna, there are only a few other people statewide who write SQL reports. For example, Beverly Caggiano from USF has written her own reports and shared them with us. An example of a report that Donna sends out periodically is ISBN problems. She's finding these problems as she tries to convert the data; the data must be standardized in order to be converted. What the TSPC needs to do now is to help FCLA understand what our reporting needs are. Jeannette Ward is working to gather a list of our needs as well as the report needs of Collection Managers.

Action objective 1.1: improve Endeca - This was already covered in the to OPAC subcommittee liaisons report.

Action objective 1.2: single bib OPAC – Although partially discussed earlier, discussion continued. The list of issues that we put together last year was attached to the March 26, 2007 minutes. It needs to be posted on the swiki. Again there was general agreement that TSPC members need to talk to their directors to see what they're thinking and then

report back to TSPC. We need to make sure that they know that our action plan includes investigating this issue. Some felt that we may need to have a meeting at FCLA in order to talk in person about the issues involved. Do the directors see shared bibs as a way to facilitate the upgrade process; do they see it as a way to force catalogers to do less quality control. It was pointed out that if we understand what they hope to gain, there may be other ways to address the desired end result. In discussing with the directors, we need to indicate that the technical issues involved are appropriately the responsibility of the TSPC. To insure progress on this issue, a task force was set up: Cecilia, Susan, Amy, Jean. The May 19 deadline for CSUL agenda items was deemed to be too soon for a report from the task force. However, we should include in the quarterly TSPC report the fact that a task force has been set up to investigate the issue.

ACTION item for next meeting: TSPC members should talk to their directors about statewide shared bibliographic records; cover the points mentioned above.

Action objective 1.3: centralized dataloads for Marcive records –Michelle Newberry spoke up to say that if this is something we want, we need to say it here in the TSPC because there's not really a govdocs group that's able to push it forward. She stated that changes at GPO allow this to be done for electronic-only government documents. Because many depository libraries are switching to e-only documents, it may no longer make sense to load those records into each library. The PSPC has been asking FCLA what they are doing. But FCLA can't do anything unless there's a clear indication that the SULs want FCLA to do something. Each depository would have to adjust its profile so that it would not receive records for any electronic-only docs; then e-only docs could be loaded centrally. Records for print documents will still require local loading and maintenance.

ACTION item for next meeting: TSPC members should talk to their govdocs librarians to see if they like the idea; plan to report back for your library at the next meeting.

Next meeting: May 22, 2:00 Eastern time.

ACTION item: Put our Action Plan on the TSPC swiki. At the next meeting consider whether we should select a "shepherd" for each action item.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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*The migration of QF records to DigiTool took place on April 25.