

**CSUL Technology Advisory Group
Notes from Conference Call of September 15, 2008**

In attendance: Selma Jaskowski (UCF), Bill Covey (UF), Michael Kucsak (UNF), Mark Stoffan (FSU), Gail Clement (FIU)

I. A hearty welcome was extended to Mark Stoffan, new TAG member.

II. Topics of Discussion:

TOPIC (A) Report from last week's CSUL Directors' meeting

Bill Covey reported on five primary matters that were covered at last week's meeting: (1) Single bib; (2) Aleph upgrade to V. 19 (3) November meeting with Committee Chairs; (4) FCLA Canned Reports; and (5) Proposal to amend agreements for FDA. Each of these is detailed below. The TAG discussion relating to each topic falls under each topic.

(1) Single Bib

This topic dominated discussion at the meeting. Following a presentation by TSPC's representative, who characterized the move to single bib as equivalent to a systems migration, discussion ensued as to the pros vs. cons of this undertaking. FCLA's revelation about their new capability to implement self-mediated borrowing without single bib in place raised the question of whether single bib is still worth the effort. Consensus was that there are still considerable pros, but that other systems issues (such as the possible upgrade to Aleph V. 19) needed to be factored into the decision.

TAG Discussion of Single Bib:

Would going to WorldCat Local (WCL) give us the equivalent of single bib? Right now, what is in WCL is not representative of what's in the Aleph. Yet OCLC has now developed a method of ingesting institutional records into WorldCat Local at no cost to the institution. USF has been experimenting with WorldCat Local and they are still figuring out where it fits in.

TAG also looked at the FCLA diagram "Major Project Timeline Options, As of August, 2008" which shows three different options for project duration. FCLA explained at the CSUL Dirs meeting that their timelines do not reflect the actual time-to-complete; rather, they represent time to implement, which factors in that some projects can not be implemented until the end of the fiscal year.

(2) To upgrade Aleph to V.19 or not?

FCLA is still considering whether to upgrade to Aleph V.19. CCLA has already decided to do so in order to keep apace with Aleph developments. One of the changes in V.19 is the shifting of the web interface to the client, which may not be desirable.

TAG Discussion of V.19:

Aleph has been patchy and unstable with the current version, so maybe going to V.19 would help. Or maybe it won't. ;-(

(3) The CSUL Directors decided to hold a meeting in November with all Committee Chairs and Chairs-Elect. The location is expected to be Gainesville.

TAG Discussion of November meeting:

Selma, Mike and Mark are planning to attend.

(4) FCLA presented their comparison of canned reports provided for the SUL's vs. what CCLA provides. Apparently, there are about a dozen additional reports that CCLA provides, but FCLA reported that one has asked FCLA to provide them. In addition, there are several other reports in various stages of development by FCLA. Overall, FCLA has a longer report list than CCLA.

TAG Discussion of reports:

What we really need is a report writer, not just a set of canned reports.

(5) FCLA has requested approval for a change in all FDA agreements to allow only one type of ingest status: full preservation. This is a departure from the current agreements, which do provide for bit level preservation for submission ingest packages (SIP's) that either do no qualify for forward migration treatment, or for SIP's for which the depositing institution prefers bit level. The discussion was tabled for a future time.

TAG Discussion of proposed change to FDA Agreement: Receiving full preservation treatment and forward migration for items in the FDA is a desired outcome, but what are the impacts of not being able to ingest objects for bit level preservation, such as newer or less ubiquitous formats? Also, what are the specifics of Priscilla's plan with regards to transforming ingested filestreams once, and then never touching them again? More information is needed before an evaluation of this change can be made. Also, it would be helpful for FCLA to also present the proposed change to DISC for review, discussion and comment.

TOPIC (B) Report from OLE meeting at Duke

Bill attended this meeting on behalf of UF and reports that the funding agency, Mellon, is committed to open source and to re-usable components. There will be lots of public dissemination about the project, including an upcoming Webcast in October.

TOPIC (C) FCLA Activity Report

We will review at next conference call.

TOPIC (D) ERMS evaluation

Serials Solution has contacted individual members of TAG to discuss the project, and they have been told that we are just at the research state and are not ready to speak with vendors at this time.