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TSPC Conference Call Minutes
March 27, 2008

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

Present: Emmett Denny (FAMU); Janice Donahue, Maria Berenbaum, Deb Hoban, Teresa Abaid, Helen Laurence (FAU); Jean Phillips, Daniel Cromwell, Josh Greben, Mary Ann O'Daniel, Gerald Snyder (FCLA); Catherine Gardiner (FGCU); Elaine Winske, Sue Wartzok (FIU); Amy Weiss (FSU); Jeannette Ward, Lyn Case, Jack Webb (UCF); Betsy Simpson (UF); Cecilia Botero (UF-Health); Vicki Stanton, Verna Urbanski (UNF); Susan Heron (USF); Allison Howard (USF-Health); Dan North (UWF)

Minutes of the February 19, 2008 conference call were approved. Clarification from Emmett Denny on the storage facility item indicated that it will be a shared storage facility located in Gainesville, and will probably be included as part of UF's 2008-09 budget. Emmett is the liaison to the group that is working on the plan for the storage facility.

Jeannette Ward reported on the CSUL Meeting in March. CSUL discussions indicated high interest in investigating a shared bib file to support unmediated borrowing, and the remote storage facility. Also reported was Jim Corey's observation that the reindexing project on TSPC's action plan will be labor intensive.

Role of TAG was discussed at CSUL. TAG will review software and hardware necessary to implement requests of Committees. Before investigating software/hardware for individual requests, the committees are requested to present clear descriptions of their requests to TAG for analysis and subsequent recommendation of appropriate hardware or software required.

It was also requested by CSUL that TSPC consult with PSPC on requests for development of reports, and that the requests for the two groups be a coordinated submission. Jeannette volunteered to coordinate the requests and develop the lists of reports for the two committees. Dan North will work with her on this task and they will have something ready within the next two weeks for review. Discussion followed regarding the report requests, whether they should be prescriptive, which is limiting, or generally descriptive, which could incorporate the flexibility to pull together more comprehensive reports. A decision was made not to mention ARC specifically, as the investigation should not be limited to one product.

An FCLA representative will prepare an overview of the reports that are now available for presentation at the next conference call.

Authorities Subcommittee - Elaine Winske reported that the major item the

subcommittee is dealing with is the indexing issues resulting from cleanup for authority records.

Mary Ann O'Daniel has sent a new message regarding the LC cleanup records for series.

Metadata Subcommittee - Emmett Denny reported that the charge to the subcommittee is being rewritten to reflect the priorities of collaboration and coordination with DISC. Also reported was the request from Mary Ann to the subcommittee to inform the metadata reps of the need for consistent entry of the PALMM Project label information in order to provide Endeca access to one consistent facet. The correct format for the entry is PALMM (Project) without final period.

OPAC Subcommittee - Barbara Tuck, OPAC Subcommittee liaison to TSPC, shared information on OPAC Subcommittee developments, in addition to Susan Heron and Elaine who are liaisons to the OPAC Subcommittee. It was reported that the CSUL members are considering the OPAC Summit recommendations seriously. The reopening of the icon issue was reported, and the plan is to go with 11 icons that will be put into test catalogs for review before a final decision is made on the icons. The test catalog locations and access information will be distributed via email. The combination of icons and facets should provide good coverage of most of the formats present in Endeca. RefWorks software features were briefly mentioned. Photos of book covers are also being added into Endeca, and browse searches limited to author or title are being discussed. These will also be in the test catalogs. An agreement with Google books to link covers and the first 3 or 4 pages of text was mentioned. The committee was advised to be prepared to weigh in on a discussion of FRBR and the combining of multiple formats.

Gerald Snyder from FCLA reported on progress in updating Mango. Gerald said that there were hardware issues on some of the FCLA servers. The Pipeline approach has been temporarily discontinued. They are working on partial updates and re-merging records, which may take another 1 or 2 months to completely test and put into production. Changes to records made during one day might be available on the next day. Updates may be limited at first to updating new records or changes in holdings locations on a record. There are no work flow implications for TSPC at this time. FCLA will continue running the biweekly updates for this term.

RT queue for TSPC - FCLA reported that the queue had been set up at the request of Yaaqov, and was available for use. The TSPC members agreed that the queue was not necessary at this time, and further work on this request should be suspended, until some future time when the special queue might be needed.

Implementing the TSPC Action Plan - This agenda item was postponed because it of its potential to require more time than we had remaining on our conference call. It was decided that an email discussion on the subject should take place first, and then a meeting devoted to this item as the sole subject of discussion would be a more satisfactory plan. Dan North will initiate the email discussion.

Action Plan Items for TAG Analysis - TAG wishes to orient the CSUL committees over a period of six months and select one or two priorities to work on for each committee. It was suggested that the investigation of ARC is the one thing on the TSPC action plan that really needs to be vetted through TAG, since the rest of TSPC's goals have to do with manipulation of Aleph.

Reading TAG's action plan, it is apparent that they do not want us to specifically discuss any particular software. In other words, we should prepare a briefing for TAG on desired functionality for a report writer, rather than discussing the relative merits of ARC. TAG will suggest what it refers to as "the most promising technology implementation, along with probable resource requirements."

TRLN Endeca Union Catalog - The group had no specific comments on this agenda item.

Alternative technology for TSPC conference calls - it was decided to submit this as a request for analysis and recommendation to TAG. Dan will make the request to TAG to investigate conferencing technology as an alternative to conference calls.

Two items will be submitted to TAG from TSPC - 1) investigation/analysis recommendation request for report writer; 2) investigation/analysis request for conferencing technology as an alternative to conference calls.

GenLoad - enhancement requests for GenLoad need to be prioritized for Mary Ann before April 15. Mary Ann will provide a report ranking the difficulty of the requests to TSPC by April 8.

The group reiterated that the 4th Thursday of each month at 2pm is the most convenient day and time for the majority to attend the TSPC conference calls. Accordingly, the next meeting will be April 24 at 2 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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