

TSPC Conference Call Minutes
August 9, 2007
1:30-3:00 pm

Attendees:

Ruth Ziegler, Dongqing Xie, Libby Fairley, Charles McElroy (FSU), Pat Bingham-Harper (FSU-Law), Carolyn Klatt (FSU- Med); Mary Ann O'Daniel, Daniel Cromwell, Michele Newberry, Jean Phillips (FCLA); Elaine Winske (FIU), Jeff Bowen (FIU-Law); Cecilia Botero, Chair (UF-HSC), Jean Bostwick (UF-Law), Priscilla Williams, Jimmie Lundgren (UF) ; Ya'aqov Ziso (UNF); Dan North, Lynn Shay, Bob Sun (UWF); Janice Donahue, Teresa Abaid, Maria Berenbaum, Helen Laurence, Deb Hoban (FAU); Susan Heron (USF), Allison Howard (USF-Health); Jeannette Ward, Lynn Case, Kim Montgomery (UCF); Catherine Gardiner (FGCU)

In the absence of a representative from FAMU, Janice Donahue (FAU) recorded the minutes.

FSU is maintaining the minutes for the CSUL, and everyone who has taken TSPC minutes should submit their final versions to FSU.

TSPC /Endeca Task Force Recommendations

The report was reviewed. Most of the recommendations have already been implemented or adopted. Issues regarding the report were discussed:

1) recommendation for a TSPC/PSPC permanent task force - it was pointed out that a task force is by its nature not a permanent entity; 2) that the limit of 4 members from each area is a departure from our normal procedure of having representation by each institution; 3) and that there might be overlap with the TAG Group. It was agreed that there were a number of issues to be considered before forwarding this recommendation to the Directors, and the paragraph regarding the task force recommendation was tabled for further discussion at a later meeting. The report will be forwarded to the Directors minus the task force recommendation, but will include the paragraph indicating that ongoing cleanup work will be necessary. Additionally, it was reported that only one leading zero will be displayed for the 005 field, and additional issues need to be clarified on the indexes. TSPC members were encouraged to participate in the OPAC Listserv discussions because of the importance of the TSPC perspective.

ALEPH Reporting Center (ARC)

Dan North and Ya'aqov Ziso reported on ARC 2.0, an Ex Libris product developed for creating ad hoc reports by combining data from ALEPH tables. Ex Libris has offered to set up Webinars for the institutions. ARC 2.0 was not available at ALA. The possibility of coordinating the purchase of this product for SULS through FCLA was discussed. Problems with ARC 1.0 - not fully developed, very expensive (\$100,000), and setup time for reports was excessive. Jean Phillips suggested a list of the top ten reports of interest be determined before reviewing the product.. ARC 2.0 would have to be purchased separately from new versions of ALEPH software. Dan suggested that ARC 2.0 may be bundled with v. 19 ALEPH, and might be included in the v.20 upgrade.

A discussion of Ex Libris' purchase of Endeavor included the observations that the Endeavor reporting package is a good product. Dan, Ya'akov, and Jean will continue to gather information on the products and will report to the TSPC at a later date.

BROWSE INDEX SPREADSHEET

Mary Ann explained that the extra indexing for each field is slowing down the ALEPH system, especially when indexing is applied to the same field in multiple ways. The spreadsheet of "Indexes to Retain or Drop" dated 8/9/07 can be considered FCLA's position paper on the indexes. The spreadsheet information was reviewed and decisions were made to eliminate some indexes that were not heavily used. Mary Ann will prepare a revised spreadsheet with the decisions that were made, and will send it to the TSPC Listserv.

Summary of discussion (from Mary Ann):

The TSPC discussed which browse indexes to retain or drop in v.18. Mary Ann O'Daniel had prepared a spreadsheet of the indexes defined for the SULS in v.15.5, with proposals for their disposition. For some indexes it was very clear whether to retain them or drop them. For others it wasn't so clear how technical services workflow would be affected.

Committee members also noted that library staff outside of the TSPC, e.g. government documents and public services staff, should participate in the review. Mary Ann offered to set up the new indexes in dev18, which has small databases for all the universities. All library staff will have access to dev18 and can try out the new indexes and comment on them. The databases are small enough to allow reindexing if changes are required. The committee members liked that idea and agreed to a drastically reduced list of browse indexes for the initial indexing in dev18.

Election of New TSPC Chair

The election of a new TSPC chair was deferred until the next TSPC meeting. The new chair will begin the term in January 2008.

The next meeting of the TSPC will be September 13, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Janice Donahue