

# Technical Services Planning Committee Report

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After the FCLA Joint Meeting, which took place on November 1-2, 1995, Martha Hruska (UF) and Rosann Bazirjian (FSU) agreed to co-chair the Technical Services Planning Committee.

The T.S. Planning Committee will be working on two topics this year:

1) authority control issues

Nancy Williams (UF) is chairing this group which began in 1995. Her December 8, 1995 committee report is attached. A subsequent message was posted to T.S.-PLAN from Linda Smith (UNF) in January 1996, describing the authority control process at her library. Additional comments and descriptions of authority activity are encouraged throughout the year in order to open a dialogue on how SUS libraries might cooperate in the area of authority work.

2) staff workstations

A committee is in the process of being created. Members of the committee to date are Beth Allerton (UF), Kathie Goldfarb (FSU), and Elaine Henjum (FCLA). The P.S. Planning Committee will be issued from the group at the end of March in time for the planning retreat in April.

When the T.S. Planning Committee met in March 1995, the group also agreed to work on a needs assessment of the functionality needed in a new or revamped serials check-in and acquisitions subsystem. It has turned out that this issue has not been pursued. The T.S. Planning Committee still feels this kind of upgrade to this subsystem is important. However, this kind of activity would require a great deal of time and work on the part of all the participants. The product is one which would rapidly become date and obsolete. The Committee, therefore, requests the directors endorse such an undertaking realizing that to follow through on the recommendations would require a significant resource commitment.

Finally, the T.S. Planning Committee would like to recommend the following:

That recognition is given to the need for workstations that support the expectations of library staff to become and remain knowledgeable about network services and to increase productivity in all areas of library operations. Changes in technology necessitate that both public and technical services staff utilize

workstations not only to satisfy position requirements, but to execute duties in the most efficient manner possible.