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Shared Print Feasibility Study

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Per the SCELC 2012 strategic plan and an exploratory discussion and member survey in 2013, SCELC conducted in 2014-15 a feasibility study for a shared print agreement for monographs, chiefly among its members in California. The feasibility study was approved by the SCELC Board in February 2014, was funded by SCELC, and concluded in June 2015 with the Board’s approval of an implementation project of one year, also funded by SCELC. Consultant Lizanne Payne advised a SCELC working group led by Bob Kieft (Occidental College) and consisting of representatives of nine libraries involved in a collection analysis pilot (Claremont University Consortium, Holy Names University, Loyola Marymount University, Mt. St Mary’s University, Pepperdine University, St Mary’s College of California, Redlands University, University of San Diego, and University of San Francisco) and two others (USC and Santa Clara University). Kieft will lead the implementation project with guidance from Rick Burke (SCELC Executive Director), John McDonald (USC), and Payne. SCELC is partnering with ProQuest to develop Intota Assessment for use in group collection analysis.

The experience of such consortia as WEST and MSCC and the experience Payne brings to developing planning schemas for shared print agreements have been instrumental to SCELC’s work.

A brief account of the project follows.

**Goals of the Feasibility Study (2014-2015)**

As reported to the Board, the prospectus for a monograph shared print feasibility study included the following goals:

● Understand SCELC members’ plans and readiness to participate in a shared print agreement, including interest in potential partnerships with other systems.

*Action*: Survey taken in the fall of 2013 and results used to select libraries for a nine-member pilot working group in early 2014. Survey was shared with CSU and UC system members.

● Study the composition and use of SCELC member print collection.

*Action*: After an RFP process, ProQuest was chosen to provide a collection analysis and has been developing with SCELC the reporting capacity of its Intota product per agreement signed in the fall of 2014.

● Develop proposals for addressing long-term sustainability of a program, including operating, policy and governance, and business models.

*Action*: models framework drafted; in many cases, decisions about the models will depend on the number and characters of the libraries that join the initial implementation and the provisions they make in the MOU.

● Identify corollary studies that may be performed to support the potential SCELC Shared Print Program.

*Action*: Garabedian 2014 condition survey, reported at Print Archive Network Forum in January 2015 and next fall in *Against the Grain*.

**Implementation (2015-2016)**

1. Phase 1, June-Oct 2015 (contingent on ability to hold meetings during the summer, the number of libraries that want to be party to the discussion, and the potential need for further data manipulation and local decision making)
	* define minimal conditions for proceeding to standup and affirm or revise elements of framework document,
	* articulate talking points for local campus discussion and decision-making,
	* affirm retention commitment scenarios and decide role of circulation counts in scenarios,
	* develop retention parameters with further collections analysis,
	* outline processes for making and registering retention commitments,
	* compose draft MOU based on policy and governance framework,
	* funding beyond the SCELC-supported implementation phase,
	* detail responsibilities of holding libraries and conditions under which they may reject candidates for retention,
	* decide whether to establish a mechanism for unwanted copies to move to other libraries for retention,
	* announce recruitment of first cohort and timetable for new members based on willingness to sign MOU,
	* inform UC and CSU of our work and continue discussion of possible points of collaboration.

2. Phase 2 begins with a meeting of the first cohort of signatories to a shared print agreement in Nov or Dec 2015. It will proceed with assignment and registration of retention commitments. This phase will require developing means for moving retention commitments to local catalogs and then for alerting members of retention commitments that have been made so libraries not retaining an item can deaccession it if they want to.