SCELC Monograph Shared Print Agreement

From Feasibility to Implementation

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SCELC reported at length on its shared print project for Annual Conference 2014 and again for Annual 2015. As of summer 2015, the SCELC Board had approved a one-year implementation project per exploratory work and a survey of members in 2013 and the conclusion of a feasibility study in June 2015. The feasibility study was led by Bob Kieft, then at Occidental College, and a working group of SCELC members in consultation with Lizanne Payne; the study included product development work and collection analysis with ProQuest Intota Assessment in 2014-15. Even though he is now out to pasture in retirement, Bob continues to coordinate the project with the working group, Rick Burke (SCELC executive director), and John McDonald (USC).

Over the course of the fall, a subgroup of the working group joined Bob in writing an MOU and FAQ for SCELC. In the course of their discussions, they also created a set of notes for an implementation group to use when a cohort of libraries has signed and is ready to implement the agreement in the first months of 2016. In order to implement the agreement, SCELC will create a new committee called the Shared Print Operating Group. The SCELC shared print documents will be publicly available when SCELC launches its new website in January, at which time a call for participation will go out to the SCELC membership. Discussions between SCELC and ProQuest continue as ProQuest develops the group analytics capacity of Intota Assessment.

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