

COLLECTIVE Feedback on Pre-Assembly Questions on CoUL Systemwide Plans & Priorities 2013-2016 Document

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Question 2

Summary of CoUL Goals 2013-2016 in document:

1. Enrich systemwide library collection.
2. Capitalize on technological opportunities to accelerate transition to a primarily digital environment.
3. Maximize discovery of & access to information resources.
4. Optimize & repurpose physical library space.
5. Expand engagement in scholarly communication.
6. Build & leverage expertise.

2. What does LAUC feel are the highest priorities among those outlined in the document? Include rationale for your selections.

Items thought to be highest priorities (with rationale):

Staffing, Library Workforce, and Professional Development/Skills

- Goal #6 (*leverage expertise*): Priority A, Items 1, 2, and 4 will be more important when proposed AS is implemented.
- No. 1 priority: (Goal #6) *Build and leverage expertise*.
- Staff development & training is essential for provision of services and application of technology.
- Build expertise in data curation and digitization: Necessary to position libraries to support faculty research activity.
- Goal #6 (*leverage expertise*): Staff development: Leadership includes non-MLS staff. Rationale: Libraries rely on ALL staff; need strong and consistent support and development across ranks.
- Goal #6 (*leverage expertise*): Build expertise in newer areas like data curation & digitization.
- Goal #6 (*leverage expertise*): Address unique and diverse needs of researchers across disciplines with more subject specialists (quality is currently uneven). Rationale: It is our mission.
- Goal #6 (*leverage expertise*): LAUC should examine what shape that will take (*multiple comments made*).
- Knowledgeable, service-oriented staff and intellectual access to scholarly resources (high quality cataloging and metadata) are what set libraries apart.
- Building & leveraging expertise seemed most relevant to LAUC members, recognizing of course that all stated priorities are important.
- Evolving library workforce (Goal #6, *leverage expertise*): Need for more training as new responsibilities emerge.
- Goal #6-1 (*engage LAUC in definitional discussion of evolving library workforce*): Need to redefine responsibilities of librarians and disseminate to broader audience.
- Goal #6: *Build and leverage expertise*. Emphasis on 6.A.4 as a means to prepare UC librarians for the future. Library & scholarly tools are becoming more sophisticated, so librarians need to develop our skills accordingly.

Collections

- Heritage materials (Goal #1, *enrich systemwide collection*).*
- Maximize long term access to digital content (Goal #2, *technological opportunities*).
- Goal #3 (*discovery & access*).
- Goal #2 (*technological opportunities*): Priority B, Item 1 should place high priority on part about ensuring "that the cultural record is preserved and accessible."
- No. 3 priority (tie): (Goal #3) *Maximize discovery of and access to information resources* and (Goal #1) *Enrich the systemwide library collection*. Rationale: Starting with Goal #6 will facilitate progress on Goals #2, #3, and #1. Goals #4 & #5 are already underway (at least at UCI) and can be incorporated into systemwide strategies.
- Archiving non-text items.
- Addressing preservation issues.
- Getting access to digitized materials.

- Goal #2 (*capitalize on technology*): Continue to develop models for licensing ebooks that include interlibrary loan before focusing on maximizing space. Rationale: Ebooks that cannot be shared waste resources and are a step backward.
- Goal #3 (*discovery & access*): Provide better access to our materials, maximizing discovery of, and access to, information resources, including unique resources through high-quality discovery interface and enriched catalog records with controlled vocabulary subject access. Rationale: Research libraries need research-level catalog data and discovery interface.
- Goal #3 (*discovery & access*): Educate users & promote the array of existing resources available to them.
- Goal #1 (*systemwide collection*): *Multiple comments made.*
- Need to harness the power of UC and use it provide feedback to vendors (especially of e-books), so they fix their crappy platforms and usability issues.
- Goal #1: *Enrich Systemwide Collections by preserving (and providing access to, including digitizing) heritage materials* got by far the most votes – 49, compared to the next highest of 29.)
- Lots of concern that Systemwide Priorities are undervaluing legacy collections.
- Questions remain about how many copies are “enough” to provide long-term access to the scholarly record, even in post-digitization environment.
- Goal #3: *Maximizing discovery of and access to information resources.* If people can’t find or aren’t aware of resources we’ve invested in, those resources aren’t useful and we are wasting money.
- Goal #2: *Capitalize on technological opportunities to accelerate the transition to a primarily digital environment.* Within Goal #2, importance of making Merritt a repository AND a finding tool is high. This priority supports the “Maximizing discovery” priority.

Technology

- No. 2 priority: (Goal #2) *Capitalize on technological opportunities to accelerate transition to a primarily digital environment.* Rationale: Starting with Goal #6 will facilitate progress on Goals #2, #3, and #1. Goals #4 & #5 are already underway (at least at UCI) and can be incorporated into systemwide strategies.
- Goal #2 (*capitalize on technology*): Become “business and technology incubators.” Rationale: It is how knowledge-sharing functions; quality is uneven across campuses, e.g., some classrooms are not wired; successful experiments could be leveraged across system.
- Goal #2 (*technological opportunities*) doesn’t need to be high priority, since UC libraries are already currently investing a lot of energy into this.
- Goal #2: *Capitalize on technological opportunities to accelerate the transition to a primarily digital environment.* The interconnectedness of systems we use (UC-wide and national/international) are paramount to supporting all priorities in the document. This priority supports the “Maximizing discovery” priority.

Reference & Instruction

- Instruction (in any form) is completely missing from whole document. Should be given more priority.

Space

- Consolidate service points (Berkeley added this to Goal #4, *Optimize and Repurpose Library Space.* This option was much more popular in this category than the other two defaults.)
- Goal #4 (*repurpose physical space*): Repurposing physical library space NOT seen as a high priority. Rationale at SB: In the process of construction.

Other

- Build services to underpin changing research, discovery, dissemination (Goal #5, *scholarly communication*).
- Expand efforts to reshape scholarly communications: Essential to achieve sustainable funding levels for collections.
- Members also agreed that all stated priorities are interconnected and equally important.
- Goal #5 (*scholarly communication*): Expanded engagement in scholarly communication. Rationale: Sustainability, support of open access scholarly publishing; CMs need to train senior faculty, who need to train graduate students in retention of intellectual property; needs to be more of a systemwide effort.

- Emphasize sharing of material like learning objects. Initial design process should assume systemwide audience. Development should occur with collaboration in mind. Noted that role exists here for new advisory structure to encourage more collaborative relationship between campuses.
- Items aren't prioritized in document. Need follow-up prioritization.
- All of the priorities are good.
- Different librarians will have different perspectives on which are the highest priorities.
- Multi-campus collaboration would be helpful for all goals/priorities described.
- Rename the "Items" under each "Priority" to "Examples."
- Granularity of priorities inconsistent. Some are broader, overarching principles, and others are more specific. Members concluded this is partly because document was prepared for internal use and mixes future goals & current practice.
- Goal #5: *Expand engagement in scholarly communication*. UC libraries are in a good position to take a lead in this area. There is growing support for open access, and a vibrant research community where we can focus data management initiatives & innovation.