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Notes from TSI Administrative Team Meeting, Oct. 7, 2014

Attending: Kate, Bob, Xin, Jim

1. Bob has recently heard back from Columbia Counsel's Office on the draft amendments to the 2CUL MOU. He has a call scheduled with them on Thursday.
2. Xin summarized Cornell's open-meeting on 2CUL, held on Monday 10/6. At that meeting Xin presented an overview of the status of 2CUL in a number of areas in what was essentially an extension of the most recent update from Damon and her. Jim L. gave an update on TSI, pretty much a repetition of what he said at an LTS All-Staff Meeting in August. Dean Krafft spoke briefly about some of the collaborative work we're doing on Blacklight and Hydra. Chris Manly spoke about the prognosis for Voyager and why it is still a good idea to start planning for a next-gen system, even with the change in direction for TSI. Among the questions staff asked were:
 - a. Are there specific targets 2CUL has in mind for different areas? Or, is there a 2CUL expansion plan?
 - b. Since the choice of Alma seems to have been driven by the original intent of TSI, will we now look at other systems?
 - c. Is there an assessment planned for our collaborative work, such as shared selectors and collaborative collection development?
3. With this year's change of direction for TSI and our apparent loss of momentum in this area, what about the terms of the Mellon grant for TSI? Anne Kenney and Jim Neal have a meeting scheduled with Don Waters from Mellon to discuss this and other issues on November 14th. Xin remarked that since the formulation and approval of the [reconceptualization of TSI](#) in June, nothing has changed and we should continue to devote our TSI efforts to this new approach. Kate noted that we haven't really put the question of continued support for TSI from other areas of the Libraries to the test since the elimination of mandated integration. We all agree that it is important not merely to present Mellon with the revised action plan for TSI but to show progress, separate from Alma planning and integration. Bob will find out from Jim N. and Anne what kind of additional information they'll want to have in hand regarding progress on the new TSI for their meeting with Don Waters.
4. We talked about the possibility of funding our joint interest in BIBFRAME – in particular, training costs – with what looks like a significant surplus in unspent travel money this year. The question is: can we use money that was awarded specifically for "travel" and "meetings" for this kind of initiative? There is a further question, however, regarding the most recent accounting statement for the grant, which seems to show no Columbia charges at all so far this year for TSI-related travel. Xin is going to contact Cornell Library Accounting about this latter issue before we contact Mellon about the possible use of surplus travel/meeting funds for BIBFRAME training.