The California State University

Council of Library Deans
Systemwide Technology Initiatives Management (STIM)
2021-2022 Annual Committee Report
June 9, 2022

Committee Charge

The STIM Committee is charged with prioritizing, developing, implementing, monitoring, and evaluating technology-related library initiatives. The Committee advises COLD on information technology issues and policies. The Committee also advises technical staff in the Chancellor's Office about technology initiatives approved by COLD. All recommendations, initiatives, and policies developed by the STIM Committee are presented to COLD for approval.

Membership During 2021-2022

Alicia Virtue	Channel Islands	Dean/Chair	2020-2022
Cyril Oberlander	Humboldt	Dean/Chair-elect	2021-2023
Heather Cribbs	Bakersfield	Librarian	2018-2022
Mike DeMars	Fullerton	Librarian	2018-2024
Keven Jeffery	San Diego	Librarian	2021-2023
Christina Mune	San Jose	Librarian	2021-2023
Erik Beck	Sacramento	Librarian	2019-2023
Gabriel Gardner	Long Beach	Librarian	2019-2023
David Walker	Chancellor's Office	*Ex officio*	Ongoing

Committee Governance

While determining the membership roster for the upcoming 2022-2023 year, the committee discussed the need to change the organizational structure section of the STIM Charge (2015 adopted version). The committee proposed membership language change from specifying "librarian" members to "library personnel dedicated to advancing technology in libraries" in recognition of the broader representation of library programmers, specialists and other library-affiliated individuals who are active in library technology yet who may not be librarians. The intent of this change is to increase diverse representation in the STIM committee of library IT constituents in CSU libraries.   Language about membership from other standing committees was also identified as needing to be updated and modified. The request to consider changes to the STIM Charge was brought to COLD Executive Council in May 2022 and referred to the general COLD meeting in June 2022 for consideration.

Committee Activities

STIM Committee activities during 2021-22 focused on library system-wide professional development, technology initiative exploration, and liaison work with other COLD standing committees:

- A STIM Summer Series of virtual presentations were delivered that provided an overview of Controlled Digital Lending in libraries, presented by member, Eric Beck, and an analysis of the STIM LibIT system-wide library survey results, presented by member Heather Cribbs. Over 60 CSU library colleagues attended these sessions. The committee currently has a call for presentations pending with intent to offer a second STIM Summer Series of virtual presentations to be held at the beginning of the next academic year. The focus this next series will be to offer interactive workshops that share technical expertise and increase technical acumen across the system among those who are involved in library technology oversight and support.

- STIM conducted an environmental scan of CSU Library implementations of Ex Libris additional products and features, including Leganto, Rosetta, Esploro, Rialto, RefWorks, Pivot, and Alma-D, with 17 CSU campuses responding. Participants were asked about implementation, product satisfaction, and were invited to share insights into the administration, integration, and use of each product. An analysis of the results was shared with COLD and presented opportunities for increased cross-library application support as well as increased dialog with Ex Libris to influence areas of product development.

- STIM addressed concerns regarding developing adoption of Single Sign On via InCommon (bypassing EZ Proxy) and developed a document of technical and privacy related concerns. The issues and concerns were presented to the SRDC Collections Licensing & Negotiation subcommittee by member Gabriel Gardner.

- STIM liaison activities reflected areas of alignment and opportunities for collaborative support. These included specific areas of ULMS project development support and CSU Co-op E-Chat Oversight support. STIM has most recently been contacted regarding coordination and support of a Library Makerspace Community of Practice which the committee will consider for potential launch in Fall 2022.