SAC22-Annual

**ALA CORE Subject Analysis Committee**

**2022 Annual Meeting**

**Report from FAST Policy & Outreach Committee**

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Report on activities from January-May 2022

The FAST Policy & Outreach Committee (FPOC), established in September 2018, is composed of voting members and observers from OCLC and from the community of FAST implementers:

Jill Annitto, ATLA
Bryan Baldus (observer), OCLC
Heidy Berthoud (SAC Liaison), Smithsonian Libraries & Archives
Carol Campbell, National Library of Scotland
Alan Danskin (co-chair), British Library
Rebecca Dean, OCLC
Kerre Kammerer, OCLC
Lucy Kilpatrick, Bibliographic Data Services Limited
Kim Mumbower, The Library Corporation
Chew Chiat Naun, Harvard
Nathan Putnam, OCLC
Dean Seeman (co-chair; Liaison to PCC Policy Committee), University of Victoria
Cynthia Whitacre, OCLC

Sandi Jones (OCLC) rotated off the committee in January 2022, and we welcomed Cynthia Whitacre (OCLC). Jill Annitto (ATLA) stepped down as co-chair in January 2022. Dean Seeman (University of Victoria) was subsequently elected co-chair in February 2022. In April 2022, Diane Vizine-Goetz (OCLC) retired; Kerre Kammerer (OCLC) is now a full member of FPOC, with Bryan Baldus (OCLC) joining in May 2022 as an observer. The committee continues to meet virtually each month.

**FAST at the British Library:**

In May 2022, the British Library [announced their intention](https://www.bl.uk/collection-metadata/strategy-and-standards) to begin using FAST for all current cataloging (with implementation date of August 2022). More information is available at [FAST Forward at the British Library](https://www.bl.uk/collection-metadata/britishlibrary/~/media/70dd979c4e8741cb8f1aadcefe5cf0da.ashx).

**FAST and Program for Cooperative Cataloging:**

Cynthia and Dean presented on FAST and FPOC with Paul Frank (Library of Congress) at the May 6 PCC Joint Operations Committee Meeting. The presentation generated good discussion about the potential benefits of using FAST in a linked data environment.

**FAST Funnel:**

The [FAST Funnel](https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/saco/FASTfun.html) has been active since July 2021. Janet Ashton (British Library) serves as the funnel coordinator; other supporting members include Laura Doublet (University of Victoria Libraries, Canada), Thomas Dousa (University of Chicago), John Hostage (Harvard University), and Carmen Lluengo (British Library). An announcement about the Funnel has been shared on various listservs and through the Program for Cooperative Cataloging’s website. We continue to proceed cautiously as the funnel builds capacity.

This is a SACO Funnel, the purpose of which is to provide a way for FAST users and/or non-SACO participants to submit new and revised Library of Congress Subject Heading (LCSH) terms to feed into FAST. Though both OCLC and FPOC aspire to using the FAST Funnel as a more direct path to inclusion in FAST, this is not yet ready to implement. It is worth noting that the Library of Congress is open to reconsidering previously rejected terms; FAST users are encouraged to use the FAST Funnel to submit any terms they would like to see included.

**FAST Quick Start Guide:**

The [FAST Quick Start Guide](https://www.oclc.org/content/dam/oclc/fast/FAST-quick-start-guide-2022.pdf) is live as of March 2022. Thank you to Dean, who led this subgroup, and to subgroup members Kerre, Kim, and Naun. This document is available on the FAST OCLC site and via the Library of Congress’ Catalogers Learning Workshop; it was announced at the PCC Policy Committee Meeting; and it was shared on various listservs. The guide is intended to offer straightforward instructions for using FAST in any environment, offer reasons for why you would use FAST, and breaks down how each of the nine FAST vocabularies are constructed. Dean presented on the new guide at the March 7 Faceted Subject Access Interest Group meeting.