SAC22-Midwinter

**ALA CORE Subject Analysis Committee**

**2022 Midwinter Meeting**

**Report from FAST Policy & Outreach Committee**

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Report on activities from July-December 2021

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

Maxime Bouchard (Université Laval) and Jesse Lambertson (University of Chicago) resigned from the committee in August. Carol Campbell (National Library of Scotland) and Lucy Kilpatrick (Bibliographic Data Services Limited) joined the committee in October. The committee continues to meet virtually each month.

**FAST Funnel:**

The FAST Funnel 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). The Library of Congress approved the funnel’s first proposal: Irish coffee. The funnel is currently working on proposals from colleagues in New Zealand.

There will be promotional materials about the FAST Funnel in the coming months. We are still proceeding cautiously as the funnel builds capacity.

**FAST survey and results:**

After Jesse’s resignation, Dean took over the subgroup working on the FAST “quick start” guide. Other group members are Kerre, Kim, and Naun. The group plans to have draft text ready by February 2022. This document will cover: why use FAST; getting started; where to use FAST; what FAST headings would you like to use; how are FAST headings different from LCSH or NAF; FAST and linked data; and will include statistics and examples. The “quick start” will also reference related guidelines from PCC.