Preservation, Acquisitions, and Cataloging & Metadata Committee (PACC)  
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Activities: PACC focused on areas of strategic importance to the library, closely aligned with major library initiatives and goals. Examples include:

- Created the PACC Collection Project Management Team, which enhanced the library’s ability to coordinate and prioritize and execute collection management projects.
- Designed standards-compliant methods to create and store metadata for retention, condition, and other actions, an essential part of the implementation of the Brown/Dartmouth collection retention agreement and future print archiving activities.
- Met with Ellen Duranceau to learn about workflows and staffing models for repositories.
- Played a leadership role with the implementation of Sierra, and immediately launched a group (including library bibliographers and other interested library staff members) to experiment with SQL queries of the Sierra database.
- Discussed, and provided feedback on, the early draft of the “Library 2020” vision document.

PACC is an important venue for information sharing and training opportunities, to help form a better understanding of work across many departments. Examples include:

- Libwiki tutorial by Dennis Grady.
- Conference reports from the Acquisitions Institute, ALA meetings, DLF Forum, Charleston Conference, LITA Forum, and Digital Humanities conference at Dartmouth.
- Review of Ellen Duranceau’s paper prior to the July 23 meeting with her.
- Discussion of barcoding practices for new issues of journals.
- Reading and discussion of the New Media Horizon report on libraries.
- Information-sharing on the project to move the Storage Library to the DLD.
- Information-sharing and planning for the implementation of Sierra.
- Processing digital items purchased by the library that are not served on the web.
- Information-sharing about the use of the MODS XML schema for library metadata.
- Invited Jill Baron to share information about the BorrowDirect shared collection development initiative for Brazilian materials, and discussed the management of metadata for retention commitments.
- Invited Elizabeth Kirk to give an overview of the Ivy-Plus shared print initiative.
- Developed a workflow for microfilm/fiche on-the-fly circulation, based largely on the on-the-fly circulation procedures for books and journals implemented in early 2014.