

**Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications (LASC)**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**February 8, 2016**

Pursuant to call, the Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications met at 1:30 pm on February 8, 2016 in Room 362 of the Kolligian Library, Chair Karl Ryavec presiding.

I. Consultation with Vice Provost for the Faculty

VPF Gregg Camfield updated LASC members on the following:

- In response to LASC's inquiries, VPF Camfield confirmed that LASC's memo to the Senate Chair and Provost/EVC in November 2015 was received and discussed at the Council of Deans. The Provost/EVC and deans agree that the library's budget is an issue of paramount importance. To that end, Librarian Li and CIO Kovalchick (ex-officio members of LASC) will be invited to a future Deans Council meeting to represent the Library.

Librarian Li added that he has had several conversations with the Provost/EVC about the library's budget. Shortly after Mr. Li joined UCM, he submitted an emergency proposal to the campus senior leadership and is awaiting a response. VPF Camfield related that the Provost has consulted with Vice Chancellor for Budget and Planning, Dan Feitelberg and the goal is to establish a long term model of budgeting so that it scales as the campus scales. The Library's budget has never grown commensurate with faculty and student numbers.

- In response to today's agenda item regarding the future of the Library within the context of the 2020 Project, VPF Camfield acknowledged that such implications for the library are as yet unknown. While details such as changing the Library's square footage are not in the plan, the University Library's voice is being heard so that any future university master plan does not marginalize the Library. The 2020 Project design teams are aware of the Library's needs and the Librarian hopes for discussions about a backfill plan after 2020 project planning

is completed. VPF Camfield stated that Vice Chancellors Feitelberg and Reese are addressing various types of space issues in the 2020 project and understand that several projects need to be streamlined. The campus is currently searching for an AVC of Physical Operations who will be the main point of contact for facilities and space needs.

Librarian Li announced that he has created a space task force in the library to examine the space needs for the Library's role in supporting the teaching and research mission of the campus. The Library keeps statistics on daily library usage and is researching software that can help track student activities and types of usage. This will aid in the plan for determining future space needs so that students' research and study time can be more comfortable and efficient.

VPF Camfield pointed out that COB 2 will be open by fall semester 2016 which will offer additional classroom and communal study space. In addition, the downtown building will be available quicker than the new 2020 campus buildings so that some campus staff members can be moved downtown to create room for students in the Library's west wing. However, this will alleviate some of the space problems.

## II. Consultation with University Librarian

Librarian Li updated LASC members on the following:

- The Library has added a new printer in the lobby
- The new Associate Vice Provost and Executive Director of the California Digital Library (CDL) is Günter Waibel who will begin his appointment in May, 2016. Waibel is currently the Director of the Digitization Program Office at the Smithsonian Institution.

Chair Ryavec inquired whether the CDL could subscribe to certain publications to be shared across the 10 UC campuses so that publishers such as Elsevier can only sell one subscription rather than make each campus purchase a separate subscription. Librarian Li responded that

it depends on both the publishers, and, whether UCOP provides the CDL with appropriate funding.

LASC members then held a brief discussion on the significant expense of publishing journal articles. Some publishers will not reduce the cost even if campuses consolidate. In the event that the CDL's budget is reduced, campuses must utilize all its resources, including open access and inter-library loan. UCM cannot build a core library collection first, then acquire other items that faculty members need afterwards the way other campuses do; UCM has to play "catch up" with our faculty members' immediate needs first.

- Prior to this meeting, Librarian Li distributed Library budget data to LASC members. He summarized his findings and pointed out the difficulties of the Library's budget being flat for the past several years. Moreover, faculty and student numbers are exceeding the Library's resources and budget.
- Librarian Li also shared information from the Library's workforce planning. The Library is identifying areas in which more efficiency can be accomplished with fewer positions. CIO Kovalchick suggested that the new dean of SSHA be invited to a future LASC meeting, as Library budget discussions affects the recruitment of humanities faculty.
- Librarian Li then announced the Library's new initiatives. 1) UCOP will provide funding to UCM to work with various cooperative extensions on a UC wide agriculture and resource project. UCM is also working with UCR and CSU San Bernardino on digitizing water photos. The campus has established a working group, led by Head of Digital Assets Emily Lin, to seek external funding for this project. 2) UCM is working with the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) and the campus Center for Humanities on letters and correspondence as part of a digital project. SSHA Professor Ruth Mostern is leading this effort and updates will be presented this month to the JACL. 3) the Library is placing stained glass mural displays of Yosemite scenes on the Library's third floor.

**ACTION:** Librarian Li will distribute the Library's final workforce planning document with LASC members once it is complete. SSNA dean Robbins will be invited to the next LASC meeting (fall 2016).

### III. Core Collection Development

A LASC member emphasized the importance of communication between the bylaw units and the Library in terms of faculty members' acquisition needs. Several bylaw units have specific ideas about what constitutes a core collection, but also realize there are budget constraints.

**ACTION:** LASC members are asked to inform their bylaw units to contact Librarian Li directly for acquisition needs.

### IV. E-book Platforms

A LASC member inquired how the campus is made aware of which e-book platforms are available. Some platforms, such as myiLibrary.com are cumbersome on e-readers. Librarian Li stated that e-books are becoming more complicated with regard to sharing, as publishers are quite strict. However, the Library will support e-book platforms if that is the desire of faculty and students. The 10 UC librarians are meeting with UC President Napolitano this Friday and e-book platforms is on the agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Attest:

Karl Ryavec, LASC chair