

Committee on Library & Scholarly Communication (LASC)
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday, November 2, 2017

The Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications met at 1:30 PM in Room 397 of the Kolligian Library, Chair Karl Ryavec presiding.

Present: Karl Ryavec, Justin Cook, Maria DePrano, Michael Scheibner, Haipeng Li, and Levi Marin. Guests included Maggie Saunders, Leslie Asher, and Joe Dane.

I. Consultation with Maggie Saunders, Director of Space Planning and Analysis

Director Saunders was joined by Woods Bagot Architect consultants Leslie Asher and Joe Dane. Director Saunders expressed the intension of having an interactive conversation with LASC regarding space planning and allocation. After a round of introductions, she began her discussion:

- The Space and Planning group will have met with every senate committee following the discussion with LASC and will have had a total of ~50 interviews. They will be meeting with ASUCM on November 8, 2017. Their goal is to collect as much input as possible to the space planning and allocation process in relation to space needs, growth, deficiencies in existing space, missing spaces. In an effort to gather additional information, on Monday, November 6, 2017, the Space Planning and Allocation will issue a call for additional information to the faculty, as well as host a faculty retreat. Additionally, they will meet with the new undergraduate and graduate space advisory committee.
- A main concern of LASC is the space allocation of the west wing of the Library. The west wing was originally intended to be utilized by the library but, due to space restrictions, was reassigned for administration use. A discussion was had regarding whether the Library will be able reestablish ownership of the west wing once the thirteen new 2020 buildings are complete or not. Once the 2020 project is complete, the Enrollment Management Services building will be the only new administration structure, and will absorb administration from the first floor of the Library. With reorganization, the third floor of the west wing may open up along with parts of the second and first floors.
- Space and Planning Allocation aims to analyze the Library's growth needs to try to reorganize groups that better align with the Library, including: Innovative Learning Technology Initiative (ILTI) initiative, Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning (CETL) group, SpARC, potentially a digital scholarship center.
- Another concern is that the Library will not be able to keep up with the existing growth. Issues facing the Library include: collaborative workrooms not being used for intended design (i.e. KL 396 and KL 496 are being used as teaching spaces which results in a technological and space design issues), over utilization by a single group, inadequate seating.
- Discussion arose regarding the method and formulas used to determine the maximum number of seating. The Library was designed to have 700 seating spaces, but reality reflects 500-600 spaces. Director Saunders offered to provide a seating study from Stanford when building the new medical library. Daily, the library seating pushes past capacity resulting in students sitting on the floors.
- Feedback provided by the undergraduate survey (12-15% return, ~750 students) showed the highest priority for students was wanting more quiet study space. Top 3 concerns desires included: more quiet study, study space, and collaborative study space.
- Along with the Library, COB and Science and Engineering is "overrun" with students studying.
- In the past two decades there has been a major shift for how students use the library. Prior to the digital age, print was dominant to where students consulted the books. More recently, students still

use the library but for different purposes: collaborating, studying, social learning. The circulation of materials is going down, but the door count is increasing.

- Feedback from Graduate students showed that they prefer not to utilize the library due to noise levels. Reorganization of the library will have find adequately separate the quiet and collaborative study spaces. Last year, Library requested to submit a proposal for 24-hour quiet study space and the idea was to turn the two classrooms in the west wing into those types of spaces but no response was received from leadership.
- In terms of space, it is possible to add more furniture in the library relative to the standard seat count per square foot but funding is an issue.
- Woods Bagot offered to create a single Master plan for the Library to bring back to LASC in early spring showing the maximum occupancy with the money allotted.
- In response to a member's concern regarding the timeline for additional study space, Space and Planning Allocation will examine the possibility of adding additional study space prior to 2020. The Library has been examining the different possibilities to help resolve the lack of quiet study space issue. Last year, a pilot project was conducted which turned KL 355 into a quiet study space. The pilot seemed to be successful, although there were disruptions due to event bookings or people walking through the room. Additionally, new or additional seating will be examined to try and improve the space.
- In an effort to utilize conference rooms and potential study spaces, Space and Planning Allocation is currently examining a new enterprise-wide room reservation system that would enable rules-based scheduling of space so students may book and access rooms after hours. Goal is to bring the system online by Summer 2018. The reservation system also functions as a way of holding the booker accountable for the condition of the space.
- Director Saunders will speak to the Registrar to see if there are any classrooms that can be used for quiet study space while not in use, potentially as early as Spring 2018.
- Members discussed the possibility of implementing a circulation desk with a Librarian on the floor to maintain noise levels and assist with questions. Although, the idea of having a Digital Scholarship or Research commons area is along the same lines that will have staffing to support research and teaching in the new space. May have some sort of desk with staff. Space could be an area will be a lab / consultation room / or can be large area with some desks / or small partitioned desks [commons area]. SpARC // the Library cave may move to this space.

II. Chair's Report

In an effort to keep in time, Chair Karl Ryavec quickly directed members to the [LASC's roster, bylaws, and AY 16-17 annual report](#) and suggested they be reviewed if members have not already done so. Then he provided his report:

- Chair Ryavec attended the Fall University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications (UCOLASC) meeting on October 25, 2017. For those who were unaware, the Chair provided an introduction of the committee, explaining that all UC LASC Chairs meet once a semester to discuss relevant topics, and more recently, discussions have focused on open access issues.
- Open access issues arise when tax payers pay the salary of faculty members and then the professors publish their research in exclusive journals, thereby leaving the common tax payer unable to access the information due to the exorbitant journal membership fees.
- [Senate endorsement](#) of the vision contained in the Library White Paper on Space that took place Spring 2017.
- [Provost endorsement](#) of signing the Expression of Interest for Open Access 2020

- Chair Ryavec poses the following idea for LASC to potentially draft a proposal for UCOLASC: In discussing Open Access issues, when an article is submitted to a journal for peer review the Editor, Book Review Editor, and Reviewers, who are generally professors, work for free. Separately, the California General Library provides online templates that outline the structure of a journal article and the papers would be free. The Chair proposes that the large journal editors walk away from these journals to become peer reviewers for the California General Library. The incentives include honorariums in the amount of: Editor, \$25,000 per year; Book Reviewer Editor, \$10,000 per year; Reviewers, \$100-500 per article. California General Library will provide the platform and the cost to subscribe would be dramatically lower than the cost of a single journal membership. The necessity for page charges is eliminated and articles will still be peer reviewed.
- Members discuss the proposed idea and find this to be ideal as long as UC faculty can act on it. Issues include: UC Press is already in existence, along with other open access journals; initial rank score of zero, thereby deterring faculty from submitting papers because tenure is obtained by publishing to high-ranking journals; culture-change; many journals have open access options; researchers are posting research papers online for free.

III. Report from University Librarian – *Haipeng Li*

The Librarian reported on the following:

- Accomplishments outlined in the [State of the UCM Library Report 2016 – 2017](#). These include the completion of the Library Strategic Plan, establishment of the Undergraduate Research Award, the Library Space Planning Proposal, the successful SpARC transition, and the implementation of the Library Faculty Author Series.
- [SpARC Report 2016-2017](#), including the budget, projects, outreach & affiliations, education, SpARC Lab and software, and the faculty list. Additionally, the Central Valley Geo-Summit Conference will be hosted again in the Library next year.