

Committee on Library & Scholarly Communication (LASC)

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

1:00pm – 2:30pm

Zoom

I. Consent Calendar [1:00 – 1:05pm]

- A. Approval of today's agenda
- B. [December 13, 2024 meeting minutes](#)

Requested Action: Approval of the Consent Calendar.**II. Chair's Report – *Chair Blois* [1:05 – 1:15pm]**

- A. Update on consultation with DivCo (December 16, 2024)
- B. Update on the December 16, 2024 Meeting of the Division – Vice Chair Quinn

III. Consultation with University Librarian – *Haipeng Li* [1:15 – 1:35pm]

- A. Library hours and budget update

IV. Campus Review Item – *All* [1:35 – 1:45pm]

- A. [Proposal for a Dual Degree Program Leading to a Bachelor of Science \(B.S.\) Degree from UCM and Doctor of Medicine Degree from UCSF](#)

The proposal packet includes:

- The dual degree proposal itself, which follows Appendix W (pp.83-84) of the September 2023 revision of the [Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs Handbook](#).
- A letter from the Executive Committee of each of UC Merced's three schools. I thank them for their reviews, which have strengthened the proposal.
- The BS/MD Dual Degree Supplement. This document responds to questions and need for additional context raised by the Executive Committees that could not easily be accommodated in the proposal itself because the desired information does not align with the questions in Appendix W.
- Letters from the Interim Dean of the School of Natural Sciences, the University Librarian, and Chief Information Officer.
- The UCM-UCSF MOU.

For your reference, previous LASC comments on the Department of Medical Education/San Joaquin Valley (SJV) Prime program can be found [here](#).

Requested Action: Members to discuss and decide whether to opine.

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Comments are due to the Senate Chair by **Friday, March 7, 2025**.

V. Discussion on Open Access (OA) Presentations [1:45 – 2:10pm]

Open Access (OA) allows published research to no longer be behind a paywall but instead become freely available and faculty will be able to retain the copyright on their work. The transformative agreements provide a few specific benefits to faculty such as discounted rates for Open Access publishing and funding for Open Access publishing for faculty who lack funds to publish their work

Promoting Open Access (OA) has been a key goal for LASC in recent years. LASC has worked towards this goal by visiting different departmental faculty meetings around campus and delivering presentations (ideally with UC Merced subject-librarians) focused on the UC's transformative agreements.

1. Overview of resources

- The spreadsheet of the departmental faculty meetings where LASC has presented in the previous years can be found [here](#).
- An email template for reaching out to the Department Chair can be found [here](#).
- The list of Library liaisons is available [here](#).

2. Presentation approach

Chair Blois will present the latest version of the transformative agreements [slides](#) to the committee as a model.

LASC committee members and Library liaisons have spoken at departmental faculty meetings to highlight the value and practicality of Open Access publishing. The goal was to address common misconceptions around Open Access publishing and to demonstrate the publishing process. By identifying common questions from faculty, LASC can better understand the barriers to Open Access publishing and refine our presentations for the future.

3. Plan for reaching out to the remaining departments

The list of the 2024-2025 Department Chairs is available [here](#).

VI. Other Business [2:10 – 2:30pm]