

Committee on Library & Scholarly Communication (LASC)

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

9:30 am – 11:00 am

KL 362

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Pursuant to call, the Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications met at 9:30 am on February 26 in Room 362 of the Kolligian Library, Chair Maria DePrano presiding.

Attendees: Chair Maria DePrano, University Librarian Haipeng Li, Kathleen Hull, Rowena Gray (Zoom), Miguel Carreira-Perpinan, Graduate Student Representative Farhana Sharmin, and LAUC Representative Elizabeth Salmon.

I. Chair's Report – *Maria DePrano***A. UCOLASC meeting February 19, Informational Summary**

- The Executive Director of the California Digital Library reported about the Office of Science and Technology Publications (OSTP) at the White House Request for Information (RFI). The California Digital Library requested policy input on whether or not to remove the one-year embargo on publicly-funded research, thus creating a zero-embargo. Comments are requested by March 16, 2020. UCOLASC has created a memo stating there should be no embargo. The memo is being circulated amongst UCOLASC and Academic Council.
- The Office of Scholarly Communications reconfigured their website, which has good information about open access. They are also making an inventory of all publications produced by individual departments and faculty members on all UC campuses. The issue is that these departments and faculty are publishing independently with their own money, not through the UC Press or the California Digital Library. The goal of the inventory of these publications is to determine whether the Office of Scholarly Communications can help UC campuses save money. The publications include journals, books, collections of essays, etc. Thus far, the inventory has included eight of the ten UC campuses and about 300 projects have been discovered.
- The Academic Senate Leadership Vice Chair shared information regarding the UCSC graduate student TA wildcat strike, as well as whether standardized testing should still be a part of the admissions/application process. Furthermore, she discussed the working group regarding comprehensive access to medical centers, keeping in mind value-based hospitals. Lastly, she discussed efforts on campuses and system-wide to address how our students will be affected if DACA is rescinded.
- The UC system did an audit of admissions and found a few questionable cases, so now state auditors will perform an audit.
- The UC Librarian at Berkeley, Jeffrey MacKie-Mason, is the co-chair of the negotiating contract with Elsevier. He is leading the UC team that hopes to transform the entire industry of scholarly publications. We have the open access (OA) agreement with Cambridge that went live January 2020. As faculty are going

through the process, the Library will pay \$1000 and then faculty will be asked if they have sufficient funds to pay for the rest. If not, the Library will cover the remaining amount. We are trying to pay to publish, not pay to read.

- We have other transformative agreements. One with the Journal of Medical Internet Research (JMIR), which has always been OA, but we are not paying them to be OA. We also have a transformative agreement with the Association for Computing Machinery Journal (ACM). We are doing a three-year pilot with them along with other high publishing institutions. We also have an OA with Public Library of Science (PLOS).
- The Elsevier negotiation team and Elsevier members are holding a workshop on March 9, 2020, in which they will decide if they want to go into negotiations. This is not a negotiation meeting. We are also in negotiations with Wiley and Springer Nature hoping to get OA transformative agreements with them as well.
- The UC is in talks with the CSU system to inquire if they would like to join the UC with Elsevier. The UC publishes such a large quantity that it may be more expensive to pay to publish than pay to read. It would therefore be beneficial for the UC to join with institutions that read a lot. We are also in discussions with SELC (a consortium of the libraries of many different private universities in California).
- Alternate access to Elsevier seems to be working well. A poll is being conducted on the UC campuses regarding Elsevier access and many seem to be supporting UC OA.
- Departments are purchasing different types of software through Research Information Management Systems (RIMS) to track research done on campus. There is a concern regarding whether we are keeping ownership of our data. Some in the UC are worried that we are giving data to publishers like Elsevier and they are selling it back to us. The UC is trying to determine who is using these programs, why they are using them, and what the contracts entail.

B. Incorporation of Library and Library resources into approval of new programs

When Schools submit proposals for the establishment of new undergraduate or graduate programs, the proposals often state that no Library resources would be required. However, the proposals' authors do not consult with the Library before making this claim. After new programs are approved, the Library is negatively impacted, as they must locate new journals and books to support the new program. LASC needs to advocate for a change in the process to ensure that the Library is consulted prior to a proposal being submitted to the Senate. In October 2017, the University Librarian and the former LASC chair (Kary Ryavec) sent a memo to the former Senate Chair, indicating this issue.

LASC members discussed the option of rewriting the memo. Librarian Li stated that all new proposals are reviewed by APAPB Schnier who confirmed that he will consult with Librarian Li on any new proposals. However, at that point in the review process, it may be too late for effective Library consultation. There is a timeline, and the proposals move

relatively quickly through the approval process. Some faculty are aware of the limitation of resources when writing their proposals but are concerned about including resource requests lest the proposals do not get approved.

Librarian Li stated that he has been in discussions with Professor Paul Maglio, Director of the Division of Management and Information, about journals, books, and Library services needed for the future Gallo School of Management. For example, the future School of Management plans to include curriculum on data science; knowing this information before the School proposal gets submitted to the Senate and Administration is helpful to the Library.

A LASC member suggested that when rewriting the October 2017 memo, the language should be worded much more strongly. The memo should reiterate that Library consultation regarding potential new programs should include not only discussion about publications, but services and resources. The memo should clarify where in the current new program proposal review workflow the Library should be consulted, and, make clear that appropriate Library consultation is critical for student and faculty success.

In addition to books and journals, the library gives many course, such as information literacy and data carpentry. Having the Library inform faculty which resources are available would also be beneficial. This should be a collaboration between the Library and the faculty, as well as with students. Librarian Li pointed out that liaisons among the Library staff are already working with various departments and welcomed suggestions on how to work more closely together.

Action: Chair DePrano will revise the October 2017 LASC memo and circulate among LASC members for review and approval. The final memo will be transmitted to the Senate Chair before Chair DePrano attends the April 27 Division Council meeting.

C. Library Program Review

All programs on campus undergo review every seven years. The Library will undergo review this year, and an external review team will visit UC Merced on April 8 and 9. Chair DePrano, who serves as the Graduate Council representative on the Program Review Oversight Committee (PROC) that manages program reviews, stated that the Library has written a 43-page self-study. The self-study summarized the Library's accomplishments and challenges. Chair DePrano asked Interim Director, Office of Periodic Review, Assessment, and Accreditation Support, Kerry Clifford, how LASC can be involved in the site visit. Interim Director Clifford indicated that she will consult with EVC/Provost Camfield. Chair DePrano then briefly summarized the program review process for LASC members: the self-study is reviewed by the external review team who write a report upon the conclusion of their various meetings on campus with appropriate stakeholders. The report is then transmitted to PROC with recommendations. Chair DePrano will keep LASC

members informed as to when the committee can engage in the review of the Library.

Action: Chair DePrano will distribute the Library self-study to committee members.

D. Revisions to LASC Bylaws II.IV.4 - LASC Duties and Membership

The proposed revisions to the LASC Bylaws were voted on and approved by the Senate at the December 12, 2019 Meeting of the Division. The Bylaws went into effect on January 22, 2020. The new LASC Bylaws are available on the Senate [website](#).

CRE has asked all committees to revisit their Bylaws and indicate any changes they wish to make. Chair DePrano stated that she will review the newly-revised LASC Bylaws and note anything she believes needs further revision.

Action: Chair DePrano will send any recommended LASC Bylaw revisions to committee members for review.

II. **Consent Calendar**

- A. Today's agenda
- B. [Draft December 4, 2019 meeting minutes](#)

Action: Consent Calendar was approved as presented.

III. **Consultation with University Librarian – Haipeng Li**

- A. Establishing the Sierra Nevada/Central Valley Archival Hub - progress update
 - Collections

In consultation with UC Merced faculty members, including LASC member Kathleen Hull, Librarian Li has been in discussions with retired Yosemite National Park historian Jim Snyder, who has an in-home library that consists of almost 10,000 items consisting of: archive information, reports, magazines, serial publications, microfilms, and maps. Mr. Snyder has written a letter of intent for UC Merced to house his collection. Librarian Li also mentioned good progress with regard to UC Merced housing the archives of Sequoia National Park.

- Space

Sequoia National Park does not have sufficient space for its archives. Its archives include delicate materials such as old maps that are currently not stored in an organized manner. The Park is currently renting space while constructing a new building that will be complete in two years; however, that new space will not be

sufficient to house the archives. The Park has indicated that it wants the archives to be permanently housed at UC Merced, but the agreement process is ongoing.

The Sequoia National Park and Kings Canyon National Park both indicated a willingness to work with UC Merced and a meeting will be held soon.

- Processing needs

The Library has two proposals:

1. Long-term proposal: focused on valley and mountain research archives. This would require a new building. Executive Director of Space Strategies & Real Estate, Maggie Saunders, estimated around 70,000 square feet is needed to house the collection materials, processing space, and public space for seminars and classrooms. The initial cost estimate is \$54 million and the campus is actively seeking donors.
2. Short-term proposal: house the Snyder collection and the Sequoia National Park archives, which would require about 10,000 square feet. This would include collection space, processing space, and some public space. UC Merced administration, including EVC/Provost Camfield, is in support of this, and LASC member Hull is circulating a memo to faculty for their support. This would benefit many of our faculty and students.

LASC member Hull then provided an update on her letter which she sent, via APO, to Senate faculty over a week ago. There has been a first round of signatures, and a reminder will be sent next week. So far, the letter has over 50 signatures (about 20 percent of the faculty). There are a few departments in which no faculty have signed the letter, including Economics. A LASC member suggested that Professor Hull email her letter as a reminder to department leadership.

Action: LASC member Hull will contact the Economics Department leadership.

B. Academic Planning - Library Goals

Almost two years ago, the Academic Planning Working Group made an effort to develop strategies, criteria, and a timeline. The Working Group's report provided a list of indices of success for the campus. Schools and Divisions were asked, as part of Phase I of the academic planning process, to articulate how their goals align with these indices. All submissions will be reviewed by APAPB Schnier, CAPRA, and the EVC/Provost. Librarian Li stated that the Library's goals are almost ready for submission.

C. Transformative Agreements/Elsevier Polling

Librarian Li shared that he was contacted by the Chair of the Alternate Access Team who pointed out the absence of responses from UC Merced. There was an irregularity in the poll. However, the campus was able to capture all the responses and sent them to UCOP. Approximately 180 responses were received, with the majority from faculty, some from graduate students, and others from staff and others. Librarian Li is issuing reminders to campus stakeholders to participate in the poll.

D. Furniture update

Librarian Li updated LASC members on the layout of the fourth floor of the Library. The entire fourth floor was reconfigured due to noise complaints and the lack of individualized study spaces. The Space Planning Team did a survey about two years ago and found out that about 70 percent of our students asked for a quieter study space. To address these issues, the Library, with input from LASC, began the process of reconfiguring the fourth floor with new furniture and study space. The project successfully resulted in over 200 new study spaces but they are at capacity. Librarian Li encouraged LASC members to visit the newly-reconfigured floor.

Librarian Li concluded his updates with a discussion on the Yosemite murals on display in the Library. A third mural was added in January. The artist is working on the last piece, which will take about two years to finish.

IV. Zero Cost Course Materials Initiative – *Elizabeth Salmon*

Research Services Librarian Elizabeth Salmon presented her slides on the Zero Cost Course Materials Initiative, which were provided to LASC members prior to this meeting. The main topics were:

- There are two awards - \$1,000 or \$1,500 – that faculty can apply for to support replacing materials with OER or Library licensed materials.
- Benefits of replacing materials include 24/7 access, first day of class access, removal of financial barrier, increases the chance of success, and the materials can be customized to match teaching styles and learning needs of students.
- Faculty expressed that the quality appears similar to the text in other courses
- Librarian Salmon shared survey results from students and found that the students' learning experience, collaboration with other students, and grades all increased.
- So far, ten recipients have applied and been rewarded.
- The ZCCM is looking at other ways to build OER awareness, including workshops, increasing visibility on campus, partnering with ASUCM to support student advocacy efforts, etc.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 am

Attest: Maria DePrano, LASC Chair