

Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications (LASC)
Minutes of Meeting
October 4, 2018

Pursuant to call, the Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications met at 9:30 am on October 4, 2018, in Room 397 of the Kolligian Library, Chair Maria DePrano presiding.

I. Chair's Report

Chair DePrano announced the following:

- Welcomed new and returning committee members.
- Directed committee members' attention to the Senate's Guide to Committee Membership. In particular, she encouraged committee members to review the role of consultants, guests, ex-officio non-voting members, and student representatives. She also pointed out the committee's right to hold executive sessions which consist of voting members only and no recording of minutes.
- Opened a conversation about potential goals for the committee to pursue this academic year. The committee agreed that the main goal will be to assist the Library in advocating for adequate space. In the absence of new Library space in the 2020 plan, the next best outcome is to expand the number of quiet study spaces for students in the current Library space. Another Library issue that LASC agreed to engage in is adequate funding for collection development. The CAPRA representative on LASC stated that she will endeavor to advocate for library issues in campus discussions about academic planning and the academic budget planning process.
- Chair DePrano serves the Merced Division representative to the University Committee on Library & Scholarly Communications Committee (UCOLASC) and will debrief LASC members on systemwide business. One systemwide issue that will likely be sent to each campus for review this year is open access.

II. Consultation with University Librarian

Prior to this meeting, Librarian Li distributed two documents to LASC members: 1) the Library's space proposal submitted in the last academic year in response to the call for space proposals by Director of Space Planning & Analysis Maggie Saunders, and 2) the Library's space needs for 2020.

The space proposal indicates that the Library seeks to collaborate with other campus units to continue to provide service to students and faculty. The focus is on student learning spaces, faculty research support, and projecting future space needs. While advocating for these needs, the Library is also keeping in mind the principles of creativity and innovation. Librarian Li pointed out that under the recently-distributed campus space allocation plan, the Library will receive approximately 30% less space than they requested. A survey of undergraduate students last year revealed that the most requested need is additional study space. Recent renovations of the KL West Wing third floor have created temporary tutoring and quiet study space for students, but this space will be reassigned in 2020 to various units. Librarian Li reiterated that there will be no new Library space in the 2020 plan.

III. Consultation with Director of Space Planning & Analysis

Director Maggie Saunders announced that UCM leadership has approved the funding (derived from UCOP) for the first phase for the Library furniture project required for the proposed addition of 180 quiet study spaces for students in the Library. Funding for the second phase of the project has not yet been authorized. The entire furniture/seating project is estimated to be completed next year, with the goal of installing quiet spaces on the third floor of KL and non-quiet spaces on the second and first floors. LASC members discussed the need to urge the administration to authorize the remaining funding for the seating project in order to provide the student with adequate study space.

Sixty new quiet study spaces have been installed temporarily in the KL West Wing third floor, however, these spaces will be reassigned in 2020.

With regard to the campus space allocation plan, Director Saunders related that the future first floor of KL will include various identify centers, a career center, and a social justice center. The future plans for the second floor include a graduate resource center and computer classroom; and the future plans for the third floor will include CETL, SpARC, Digital Scholarship Hub, and spaces belonging to Library staff.

Director Saunders emphasized that this is a space allocation proposal, not an assignment proposal. The allocation proposal is a reflection of types and size of space - an assignment of space to individuals and units will occur later. Comments on the allocation proposal should be sent to Director Saunders directly via her email address. She will share comments with the Chancellor, interim Provost/EVC, deans, and Senate leadership. The Chancellor and interim Provost/EVC will make the final decisions.

Action: LASC to draft a memo to campus administration urging the approval of funds for the second phase of the Library furniture/seating project.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Attest:

Maria DePrano, LASC chair