

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

Pursuant to call, the Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications met at 3:00 pm on November 8, 2016 in Room 362 of the Kolligian Library, Chair Karl Ryavec presiding.

I. Chair's Report

Chair Ryavec updated members on the following:

- October 7 UCOLASC meeting. Major topics of discussion included: Regents' discussion to grant honorary degrees; a new policy on professional degree supplemental tuition; the outcome of the Joint Committee of the Administration and Academic Senate review of the disciplinary processes for faculty related to sexual violence, sexual assault and sexual harassment; a consultation with new California Digital Library (CDL) Associate Vice Provost and Executive Director Günter Waibel, and updates on Senate Open Access and the Presidential Open Access policies.
- Subventions for monographs. Chair Ryavec summarized a report on subventions for monographs prepared for UCOLASC by Candace Waid from UCSB. The issue varies between the fields within humanities and the sciences, with some scholars preferring publications solely online while others benefit from hard copies, depending on the research in question. Also, electronic copies of publications are not always the cheaper option due to the need for indexing.

Chair Ryavec then introduced the returning committee members and welcomed new members, including the ASUCM and GSA representatives. He encouraged all committee members to review the AY 15-16 LASC annual report which is appended to the meeting packet.

II. Consultation with University Librarian

Librarian Haipeng Li provided the following updates to LASC members:

- Library's annual report and budget updates. The Provost/EVC allocated \$20,000 last year from his discretionary funds to the Library for faculty purchases. The administration is aware of the budget issues, but given that the overall campus budget situation is challenging, all units are being encouraged to prioritize and make trade-offs. Those discussions are continuing.
- ORCID overview. ORCID is a unique identifier assigned to an author that helps clarify that name from others' so that author's publications can be identified or linked to that author. The UCM Library is exploring the possibility of requiring all faculty members to have an ORCID account. LASC members had several questions regarding how to identify old publications, a possible interface with Digital Measures, and comparisons to Open Access.
- Library Liaison program launched fall 2016. In order to enhance communication between the Library and faculty, the Library will assign staff members to graduate group chairs and other faculty leaders to conduct regular communication on library-related needs.
- Library Faculty Author Series launched fall 2016. This series will feature faculty members in all disciplines who would like to give talks on their publications. LASC members are encouraged to contact Librarian Li to suggest future speakers.
- Chair Ryavec asked members about collection development and their ability to find publications online for their courses. The Librarian pointed out that libraries often do not purchase copies of textbooks due to the cost; moreover, it is difficult to keep updated with new editions. The campus bookstore is working with vendors to allow discounts for students for the purchase of textbooks. With open e-resources, more textbooks are available online so if faculty members assign costly textbooks for their courses, they are encouraged to contact Librarian Li who may be able to assist in finding an online option. Another cost-saving option is to ask the campus bookstore to

order used copies of an older version of a textbook if nothing has changed from the previous version.

- Space planning. There will be no additional library space in the new buildings under the 2020 project, but some administrative staff in the KL west wing will be moved to other locations. Another change is that SpARC is transitioning to the Library and the Library will be henceforth responsible for center's operations. A LASC member raised the possibility of Makerspace, and Librarian Li responded that the Provost/EVC did a presentation on this to the Board of Trustees and deans will be involved in future planning.

LASC members held a discussion on the Library's Space White Paper distributed to members prior to this meeting. The White Paper states that in order for the Library to meet the needs of the 2020 project with an increase in the student and faculty population, it requests that space in the West Wing of the Kolligian Library be reallocated to the Library. This additional space will position the Library to provide high quality services and collections, fill campus-wide gaps in digital scholarship creativity and innovation, and engage in fruitful collaborations with such potential campus partners as the Merritt Writing Program, SpARC, and IT.

Action: LASC endorsed the West Wing vision for space and a memo will be transmitted to Division Council.

III. Open Access Expression of Interest

Distributed to LASC members prior to the meeting, the Expression of Interest document declares the UC's commitment to large-scale implementation of free online access to and largely unrestricted use and re-use of scholarly research articles by the year 2020. In response to the rising costs of subscription journals, the Max Planck Digital Library is coordinating an international effort called "OA 2020" to convert the existing collection of scholarly journals from subscriptions to open access. The OA 2020

movement is attempting to develop an international consensus among academic institutions and other stakeholders to support OA.

While there are benefits to the Open Access proposal, there are also potential downfalls, including the concern that it will push funding responsibility to authors.

Action: LASC members to decide by the second week of December whether the committee should add its endorsement to OA 2020. If endorsed, Division Council will be consulted prior to communication with UCOP or the CDL.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Attest:

Karl Ryavec, LASC chair