

Committee on Library & Scholarly Communications (LASC)

Meeting Minutes

Friday, December 13, 2024

10:30am – 11:40am

I. Consent Calendar [10:30 – 10:35am]

- A. Approval of today's agenda
- B. November 22 meeting minutes

Action: The Consent Calendar was approved as presented.

II. Chair's Report – *Chair Blois* [10:35 – 11:10am]

- A. Update on UCOLASC Meeting (October 25, 2024)

The California Digital Library (CDL) is focused on complying with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), ensuring that web content and mobile applications are accessible to people with disabilities.

There was a brief discussion of a lawsuit, which involves a UC professor but is independent of UCOP and CDL. There may be a possible discussion in the future to discuss how this lawsuit may impact UC resources and publishing.

Regarding pathways to Open Access (OA), UCOLASC reiterated the significance of both UCOLASC and UC statements in promoting open access scholarship, as these statements play a crucial role in negotiations with publishers. There are also new resources for navigating the OA publishing pathways for journal articles.

A workgroup on Artificial Intelligence will be led by former Academic Council Chair Jim Steintrager and will explore and address the various ways AI impacts the University.

An informational session on Diamond OA was held, which is a model of Open Access where neither authors nor readers incur any charges for access.

The Council of University Librarians (CoUL) provided an update on the strategic plan and priorities list.

CDL and the Project Transform Work Group (PTWG) launched an open access coverage tool, known as the Journal Lookup Tool (JOLT). JOLT will allow UC authors to easily determine if a journal qualifies under one of UC's open access publishing agreements. Graduate students will also have access to this tool.

- B. Update on consultation with CAPRA – short overview of the Library budget (December 2, 2024)
Chair Blois and Associate University Librarian for Library Operations Scott attended the December 2, 2024 CAPRA meeting to provide a brief overview of the Library's budget. The presentation highlighted the budget deficits and their resulting impacts on the Library, and outlined the data-driven approach the Library is taking to address the budget deficits. Chair Blois and Associate University Librarian for Library Operations Scott emphasized that the Library's budget shortfalls are not temporary or due to one-time factors, but are a result of long-term, systemic issues in how the budget is allocated or funded.
- C. Reminder: Meeting of the Division (December 16, 2024 from 3:30pm – 5:00pm in ADMIN 306)

III. **Campus Review Item – All [11:10 – 11:30am]**

A. Non-Degree Certificate Proposals

University Extension hopes to implement these proposals in Spring 2025.

There are 2 non-degree certificate programs that are both offered through the University Extension. Students enrolled in Extension courses do not have access to main campus student services, including Library. These courses are designed intentionally to support students without this service.

There were inquiries about whether students from other UC campuses or Extension programs have access to the library. Associate University Librarian for Library Operations Scott clarified that, historically, students at other UC campuses or in Extension programs do not have remote access to library resources.

Action: Members will discuss and determine whether the committee will opine, pending confirmation from Associate University Librarian for Library Operations Scott regarding students' remote access to library resources.

IV. **Other Business [11:30 – 11:40am]**

Action: The OA Presentation spreadsheet has been updated to note the addition of the Psychological Sciences Department.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40am.

Attest: Jessica Blois, LASC Chair