

Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications (LASC)
Minutes of Meeting
February 25, 2019

Pursuant to call, the Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications met at 2:00 pm on February 25, 2019 in Room 360 of the Kolligian Library, Chair Maria DePrano presiding.

Attendees: Chair Maria DePrano, University Librarian Haipeng Li, Member Steve Wooding, Member Kathleen Hull, GSA representative A. Katherine Shurik

I. Chair's Report

Chair DePrano reported on the following:

- Division Council has endorsed LASC's proposal to modify its membership model to reflect an at-large model where committee members are appointed by CoC, and no longer have to represent the committees of CAPRA, CoR, GC, and UGC.

The next step is for LASC to draft revised bylaw language and submit to Division Council for review.

Action: committee analyst will draft the revised bylaw language and distribute to LASC members for review. Final language will be transmitted to Division Council for review before the end of the spring semester.

- UCOLASC meeting February 13
 - The California Digital Library (CDL) is seeking funding for a comprehensive Integrated Library System (ILS). Major research institutions across California maintain online and physical archives for the use of all patrons. The CSU system and the California Community College system each has one ILS. With regard to the UCs, there is no shared ILS; rather, each UC campus maintains their own. The CDL is trying to create one university ILS. The CDL is also working on creating a shared, UC-wide ILS catalogue.
 - Open access for publications remains a concern. UCOLASC discussed ways to encourage UC faculty to make their work available in an open access forum and how best to harvest UC faculty publications. Some argued that it is for the public good to make UC faculty publications available to all. Some federal agencies are requiring faculty to publish their papers and books in an open access forum as a condition of receiving funding. One obstacle is the cost: UC faculty have to provide the funds to publish their work on open access forums.

II. Consent Calendar

Action: today's agenda and the November 8, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

III. Consultation with Librarian

Librarian Li updated LASC members on the following:

- Status of UC and Elsevier negotiations. The UC's goals were 1) a reduction of the university's publication costs and 2) open access for UC faculty publications. A point of contention in the negotiations is Elsevier's high profit margin. The negotiations are not promising at this stage. The UC is working on a communication to the 10 campuses to keep everyone apprised of the unfolding situation. Librarian Li added that the UC is also working on an access plan to ensure that faculty can gain access to the work they need. Chair DePrano stated that in the UCOLASC meeting, it was mentioned that Germany and The Netherlands have terminated their affiliations with Elsevier.
- The campus Budget Work Group (BWG) is working with the Library to create a budget model. Library staff is greatly encouraged that the campus is recognizing the need for the Library to be included in future campus academic budget planning. The Library proposed a 5% increase to their budget which would allow the Library to continue functioning at current levels. The BWG was receptive and even suggested that the Library should receive an increase of 10% to 15%.
- Furniture plan. Last year, the Space Planning Committee submitted two proposals for Library furniture and both were funded. The Library was able to purchase additional Agati furniture for the 4th floor. All furniture in the plan should be in place by fall semester 2019.
- Librarian Li then shared the workforce planning slides he presented at a meeting of OES. The topics of the slides were Library Staffing, Teaching & Learning, Research Support, SpARC's functions, and requested FTEs. Librarian Li announced that all requested staff FTEs were approved.

IV. Systemwide Review Item

- Second systemwide review of the proposed Presidential Policy for Open Access for Theses and Dissertations

During the first review of this proposed policy in the last academic year, LASC was generally supportive of the policy but believed that the two-year embargo was insufficient particularly for those students in book fields.

LASC members discussed the revised policy and made the following comments:

Students should be allowed to request an embargo independent of their advisors, as the students are the authors of their theses and dissertations and are therefore the copyright holder.

In addition, LASC reiterated its previous argument from the first round of review that the embargo period should be longer, up to six years, in order to allow for flexibility across the disciplines. Students in the sciences may wish to have their theses or dissertations available immediately. But students in the book fields (humanities and social sciences) may require additional time as dissertations can take several years to be published as a book.

Action: committee analyst will draft a memo and circulate for the committee's review via email. The final memo will be transmitted to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, February 26.

V. Informational Item

- Academic Council letter regarding faculty consultation on library space and removal of print materials

Chair DePrano briefly summarized this letter which was on today's agenda as an informational item. At its January 23, 2019 meeting, the Academic Council unanimously endorsed the attached letter from UCOLASC emphasizing the importance of faculty consultation and clear and open communication from campus libraries in decisions about the reallocation of library space, and/or the removal of books, journals, and other materials. This discussion and letter arose from a situation at UC Santa Cruz about two years ago .

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm

Attest: Maria DePrano, LASC Chair