

**Committee on Library & Scholarly Communication (LASC)**

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

3:30 – 5:00 pm

Pursuant to call, the Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications met at 3:30 pm on February 23 via Zoom, Chair Maria DePrano presiding.

Attendees: Chair Maria DePrano, Virginia Adán-Lifante, Chih-Wen Ni, Kenichi Yoshida, Jessica Blois, University Librarian Haipeng Li, and Library Consultant Elizabeth Salmon.

**I. Consultation with EVC/Provost Camfield – *Gregg Camfield*****A. LASC's memo to the Senate Chair and CAPRA on Library staffing.**

EVC/Provost Camfield agreed that the Library is understaffed and encourages the Senate to continue to put pressure on the administration through the Provost himself about the importance of Library resources. Faculty researchers need access to the latest and greatest services to help them find and curate information. The narrative needs to shift from seeing the Library as a place to store books to the Library as an active repository of knowledge that helps researchers curate big data sets and that assists researchers in accessing cutting-edge journals across every field, among many other important services. The Library also helps students develop information literacy. Librarians are the individuals working with our faculty and students to learn information literacy. EVC/Provost Camfield strongly encouraged LASC to continue to advocate for the Library and shape the narrative as to how a 21<sup>st</sup> century can help both graduate and undergraduate students.

A LASC member asked if there will be mechanisms for feedback. EVC/Provost stated that there will be a lot of planning with clear sense of how goals will be reached. There will be robust feedback mechanisms for how the budgeting process will work for the foreseeable future. Chair DePrano asked who will do the feedback mechanism. EVC/Provost stated that it will primarily be the Provost's Office, as this office is ultimately in charge of academic planning, strategic planning and implementation. The budget piece and the budget call piece will be in close conjunction with the Interim Chief Financial Officer (CFO). As the point is to have full integration between planning and budgeting, the Provost's Office and the Interim CFO will both be working on collecting feedback through DivCo.

**II. Chair's Report – *Chair DePrano*****A. Updates from February 16 UCOLASC meeting**

The California Digital Library (CDL) is slowly rebuilding their staff now that the hiring freeze is over. The CDL contributes 11.4 million dollars, approximately 20% of the total that the UC campus libraries spend on licensed content. UCOP took that \$11.4 million out of their budget and asked the 10 campuses to cover that money. However the 10 campuses did not have any spare funds to contribute to this. The \$11.4 million of the licensed content budget is repetitively being paid for with one time funding. For the fiscal year 2022-2023, it is unidentified as to where the \$11.4 million will be coming from. The Director of CDL has provided some options for the fiscal year 2022-2023:

1. Reinstate CDL's Collections budget

- a. Mechanism: general campus assessment, but represents a 6% increase in UCOP's budget.
2. Punt again by utilizing one-time funds
  - a. Mechanism: TRIP funds (investment funds)
3. Enact a cost-share outside of the general campus assessment
  - a. Mechanism: MOU developed by the Working Group to Plan the Relocation of the CDL Licensed Content Budget from UCOP to UC San Diego. But once this is identified as the option, it will be too late because campus funds will already be allocated.

There was also a discussion about the future of print within the UC Libraries and how the Librarians, CDL, and consortia outside of the UC campuses are protecting the print collections and trying to extend them by sharing with consortia elsewhere. The goals for print collections are to preserve for long-term availability into the future, seamlessly discover the needs and access, and create a collection that contains more unique content.

Also updated LASC members on other topics addressed at the February UCOLASC meeting including: OA book publishing; DEI in scholarly publishing website that OSC is creating; Project Transform activities; experiments in digital lending made by UC Berkeley and UCSD based upon the HathiTrust Emergency Temporary Access Service (ETAS); the Council of University Librarians' work on Affordable Course Materials (ACM) and Open Educational Resources (OER); and a study that UCSD led regarding the cost of education materials and the effects of those high costs for their students.

- B. Updates from February 14 Consultation with GC re: LASC Staffing Issues  
Chair DePrano reported that GC asked for evidence of how the Library staffing issues are affecting graduate students. The Library currently does not have a method of tracking this data. But at least one graduate student wrote to the Library leadership to complain about the Library's Saturday closure.
- C. Updates from February 18 Consultation with UGC re: LASC Staffing Issues  
UGC fully supported LASC and offered to write a memo in support of the Library staffing memo.

### III. Consent Calendar

- A. Approval of today's agenda
- B. Approval of draft November 17 meeting minutes

**Action:** The Consent Calendar was approved as presented.

### IV. Campus Review Items – *Chair DePrano*

- A. Proposed Revisions to English Major and Minor (effective Fall 2023)  
The materials are available here and include the following:
  - Memo of support from SSHA Dean Gilger to UGC (Feb 7, 2022)

- Memo of support from the SSHA Curriculum Committee (CC) to SSHA leadership (Jan 11, 2022)
- Memo from the Literatures, Languages, and Cultures (LLC) department addressing some comments and questions raised by the SSHA CC (Dec 13, 2021)
- Memo from the SSHA CC to Professor Brokaw requesting some clarification on the proposal (Dec 8, 2021)
- **Memo from the LLC department to the SSHA CC outlining the proposed revisions (Oct 14, 2021) Page 9 of the PDF document**
- Revised Catalog Copy
- Program's four-year plan

LASC members reviewed and supported the proposed revisions to English Major and Minor. LASC noted that the Library was not consulted regarding two additional tracks of Literature and Environmental and Literature and Social Justice to consider whether additional acquisitions, resources, or services might be needed to support these two new tracks. Consultation with the Library would give the Library the opportunity to introduce LLC faculty to resources that might benefit students completing these tracks such as the Lowe Photography Archive, the Cooperative Extension materials, and other unique archival collections that undergraduates could use for primary research.

**Action:** Chair DePrano will draft a memo of support for the proposed revisions to the English Major and Minor, with a reminder to include the Library during the consultation process. The draft memo will be issued to LASC members via email for review and approval. LASC's memo will be transmitted to the Senate Chair by the April 1 response deadline.

#### V. Systemwide Review Items – *Chair DePrano*

##### A. Presidential Policy on University of California Research Data

This is the second systemwide review for this policy. The first review was initiated on December 17, 2020 and closed April 7, 2021. The background materials and revised policy were hyperlinked on today's agenda together with the comments on the first version of the policy.

LASC reviewed the Presidential Policy on University of California Research Data and noted three concerns. First, the policy does not recognize that archivists earn degrees in information science which trains them in records management, archives, and information governance. Second, the Policy does not clarify where the financial resources will originate to hire additional librarians, archivists, and data managers at the CDL and campus libraries in order to support this new Policy. This is, in other words, an unfunded mandate on the CDL and the campus libraries. Third, the Policy recognizes that graduate students play a role in research, which this Policy inadequately conceptualizes the potential roles graduate students might play in data generation, and the "mixed ownership" of data in a working laboratory in the real world.

**Action:** LASC will finalize its memo on the Presidential Policy on University of California Research Data and transmit to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, March 29.

#### VI. Consultation with University Librarian – *Haipeng Li*

A. Update on Library Operations

The Library opened on January 4, 2022 with some limitations. The Library is not only closed on Saturdays, but hours have been reduced on Sundays as well.

B. Update on Academic/Budget Planning

The agreement with Elsevier significantly increased the cost throughout the UC system. Due to the increase of costs, Librarian Li reported that the Library identified potential items to cancel, which saved over \$100,000. Librarian Li shared that there is a new Systemwide Integrated Library System (SILS) across all 10 campuses,. The cost of this new system will be shared, however it will not take effect until next year. The University has agreed to provide a small warehouse space for archival materials, however there will be a charge.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm

Attest: Maria DePrano, LASC Chair