

Committee on Library & Scholarly Communication (LASC)

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

1:00pm – 2:30pm

I. Consent Calendar

- A. Approval of today's agenda
- B. [February 4, 2025 meeting minutes](#)

Action: The Consent Calendar was approved as presented.

II. Update on UCOLASC Meeting (February 21, 2025) – Vice Chair Quinn

Vice Chair Quinn reported on the topics that were covered during the February 21, 2025 UCOLASC meeting. There were discussions on the importance of involving faculty and encouraging their participation in broader Academic Senate matters related to libraries.

UC Publishing Services (UCPUBS) is a joint initiative established by UC Press and the California Digital Library (CDL), which has now been launched. UC Publishing Services offers flexible publishing solutions and infrastructure to research units, departments, and other UC affiliates seeking to manage their book series, imprints, journals, and other types of academic content. UC Publishing Services will also provide hosting services through E-scholarship.

The following information is provided for those interested in working with UC Publishing Services on a publishing project:

- UC Publishing Services Inquiry Form: <https://tinyurl.com/4vtdvjz>
- Email UC Publishing Services with your idea at ucpubs@ucpress.edu or help@escholarship.org.

There have been updates regarding OA monographs, which are divided into two main tracks. Track A focuses on advancing OA monograph publishing in FY 2025 through selective university press collaborations, while Track B is dedicated to developing pilot projects for OA monographs. Track B will build on the original Pathways to Open Access toolkit and support UC decision making and investments to advance OA monographs. This is a two-part project. The purpose of this project is to plan and implement pilot programs to directly support OA publication of UC-authored monographs. The Council of University Librarians (CoUL) has endorsed the concept and allocated funding for the pilot projects.

III. Consultation with University Librarian – *Haipeng Li***A. [Update on the Library budget \(collections budget\)](#)**

University Librarian Li provided an update on the budget cut exercise. The Library submitted a draft version of the proposal to the Senate, which was then forwarded to CAPRA. CAPRA's response can be found in the link above.

CAPRA has requested information on which of the specific titles are being cut. The Library is currently gathering usage data from individual vendors and through the California Digital Library (CDL). Once the Library has collected the data, the Library will compile a list of the resources for potential cuts.

University Librarian Li mentioned that the preferred reprioritization for the Library would involve reducing operational funding more than cutting collections.

IV. Campus Review Items – *All***A. [Business Administration B.A. and Minor Proposal](#)**

The proposal is from SSHA with implementation planned for Fall 2026 for first-year and continuing students, and Fall 2027 for transfer students.

Comments are due to the Senate Chair by **Monday, April 7, 2025.**

Action: Member DePrano's comments will be shared via email and discussed at the next LASC meeting on April 1, 2025.

B. [Accounting B.S. and Minor Proposal](#)

The proposal is from SSHA with implementation planned for Fall 2026 for first-year and continuing students, and Fall 2028 for transfer students.

Comments are due to the Senate Chair by **Monday, April 7, 2025.**

Action: Member Ojeda's comments will be shared via email and discussed at the next LASC meeting on April 1, 2025.

V. Update on Open Access (OA) Presentations

Overview of resources

- The spreadsheet of the departmental faculty meetings where LASC has presented so far can be found [here](#).
- An email template for reaching out to the Department Chair can be found [here](#).
- The list of Library liaisons is available [here](#).
- The list of the 2024-2025 Department Chairs is available [here](#).

A. Upcoming presentations**1. Management of Complex Systems**

Will be presented by Member Jenkins, Member Ojeda and Library Liaison Olivares on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 from 11:00am – 11:15am.

2. Bioengineering

Will be presented by Chair Blois on Monday, March 31, 2025 from 12:30pm – 12:45pm.

3. Mechanical Engineering

Will be presented by Chair Blois on Monday, April 7, 2025 at 1:45pm.

There are three OA presentations scheduled for this Spring 2025, and the dates and times are provided above. If anyone is interested in joining any of the presentations listed above, please email Chair Blois and the LASC Analyst.

Action: Members are welcome to reach out to Chair Blois and Sang if they are interested in attending any of the above OA presentations.

VI. Other Business

Action: Chair Blois is scheduled to meet with CoC to discuss LASC business on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 3:45pm. Members are welcome to notify Chair Blois on any topics they wish to communicate with CoC.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.

Attest: Jessica Blois, LASC Chair