

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

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

3:30 – 5:00 pm

Pursuant to call, the Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications met at 3:30 pm on March 16th 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 Associate University Librarian For Library Operations – Eric Scott**

- A. Library budget request – all background documents were hyperlinked on today's agenda

Associate University Librarian for Library Operations Scott shared a PowerPoint with LASC members. The Night/Weekend Services Coordinator position has been requested for the fiscal year 2023. New positions of Resource Sharing Librarian, Archivist & Geospatial/Map Librarian, Information Literacy Librarian and Library Marketing & Outreach have been requested as well. Non-salary requests include collections, sub-02/general assistance, and reclassification & equity increases. As the University of California Merced has asked the Library to pay for Library storage fees, University Librarian Li explained that these costs will be added to the budget request under the miscellaneous category.

**II. Chair's Report – Chair DePrano**

- A. LASC appreciation for Library staff and leadership for their physical presence during the pandemic

As many people stayed home during the pandemic, the Library still functioned and many of their staff were on campus for months. Chair DePrano would like to thank the Library staff and held a discussion on ways to do so. It was suggested that we should recognize each individual Library staff member by name. University Librarian Li stated that he would be able to provide a list of names. LASC members supported the idea of sending a letter to the Library on behalf of the LASC committee.

- B. Potential LASC memo in support of the Library's budget request

LASC members agreed to draft a memo to CAPRA in support of the Library's budget request.

**III. Consent Calendar**

- A. Approval of today's agenda

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

**IV. Consultation with University Librarian – Haipeng Li**

- A. Transformative Agreement with Wiley

University Librarian Li reported that the transformative agreement with Wiley is the eleventh transformative agreements between the UC and publishers. Wiley has proposed to the transformative work group to have a pilot project with one of the UC campuses. This would be a one-year pilot agreement, similar to other agreements such as Elsevier and Cambridge. Reading fees will not be charged. A member mentioned that this will be really beneficial to graduate students.

B. Affordable Course Material /Open Educational Resources Update

The Council of University Librarians was charged with exploring options to help students address the issue of textbook costs and how to provide free materials for students. EVC/Provost Camfield has asked VPDUE Frey to take the lead in conversations with all the UC Deans of Undergraduate Education, looking for ways to move this forward. University Librarian Li will monitor how the UC Deans of Undergraduate Education will approach this issue.

V. Systemwide Review Item – *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.
- Previous comments on the first version of the policy (UCM's comments are on pp 22-29).
- All background documents were hyperlinked on today's agenda

Chair DePrano shared the draft memo with LASC members. LASC has three significant concerns. First, the policy requires that the PI function as an archivist and 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. Third, 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. LASC approved of Chair DePrano's draft memo.

**Action:** LASC will transmit its memo to the Senate Chair by Monday, April 4, 2022.

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

Attest: Maria DePrano, LASC Chair