

Committee on Library & Scholarly Communication (LASC)

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

1:30pm – 3:00pm

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I. Chair's Report – *Chair DePrano* [1:30 – 1:50pm]

- A. UCOLASC update (11/30/22)
- B. LASC Library White Paper update

II. OA Ambassador Implementation – *Chair DePrano* [1:50 – 2:10pm]**III. Consent Calendar [2:10 – 2:10pm]**

- A. Approval of today's agenda
- B. Approval of October 17, 2022 meeting minutes
- C. Approval of November 14, 2022 meeting minutes

Action requested: Approval of the Consent Calendar.

IV. Campus Review Item – *Chair DePrano* [2:10 – 2:15pm]**A. Electrical Engineering Department Proposal**

The proposed Department of Electrical Engineering will start with ladder rank faculty members, Professor Sarah Kurtz and Professor Mukesh Singhal, both research faculty. The formation of the department at this time will facilitate the growth of the Electrical Engineering enrollment. The first co-hort of undergraduate students will be admitted in the Electrical Engineering program in Fall 2023.

The following documents are included in the proposal:

- EE Department Proposal (clean copy)
- EE Department Proposal (tracked changes copy. Revisions were made in response to feedback from Deans and SOE Executive Committee).
- Memo from SOE EC Chair Rusu
- Memo from SOE Dean Goel
- Memo from Professors Kurtz and Singhal

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Action requested: LASC's comments are due to the Senate Chair by Friday, February 3, 2023.

V. **GC Memo to CAPRA, CoR, and LASC - Revised Proposal for a Master in Data Science and Analytics (MDSA) – Chair DePrano [2:15 – 2:20pm]**

GC has invited CAPRA, CoR, and LASC to review the revised proposal and proposal team's response letter for a Master in Data Science and Analytics (MDSA) to ensure that committees' prior concerns have been adequately addressed.

The following documents are included in the attached PDF Packet:

- Memo from GC to CAPRA, CoR, and LASC summarizing committees' prior concerns and the proposal team's responses.
- Original Proposal for a Master in Data Science and Analytics with GC's November 2020 response.
- GC's April 2021 memo to the proposers, which includes comments from CAPRA, CoR, LASC, and EDI (formerly DE).
- The proposal team's response letter submitted to GC on September 1, 2022.
- Revised proposal for a Master in Data Science and Analytics submitted by the proposal team to GC on September 1, 2022.

Action Requested: LASC will provide feedback to GC by Friday, February 10, 2023.

VI. **Systemwide Review Item – Chair DePrano [2:20 – 2:30pm]**

New Presidential Policy on Anti-Discrimination

The proposed policy covers discrimination, harassment, and retaliation by and against members of the University community on University property or in connection with University-sponsored activities.

The proposed policy includes the following key provisions:

- The proposed policy affirms the University of California's commitment to creating and maintaining a healthy working and learning environment in an inclusive environment free of discrimination, harassment and retaliation.
- The proposed policy defines harassment and discrimination as well as lists the protected categories protected by federal and state law.
- The proposed policy prohibits retaliation against an individual who reports Discrimination and/or Harassment, assists someone with a report of Discrimination and/or Harassment, or participates in an investigation or other process under the policy.

- The proposed policy addresses free speech and academic freedom. The proposed policy is intended to protect members of the University community from Discrimination, Harassment, and/or Retaliation, not to regulate protected speech. The proposed policy recognizes that freedom of speech, freedom of expression, and academic freedom are essential to the mission of the University. However, freedom of speech and academic freedom are not limitless and do not protect speech or expressive conduct that violates federal or state anti-discrimination laws.
- The proposed policy outlines the possible consequences of noncompliance, which may include remediation, educational efforts, informal counseling, adverse performance evaluations, corrective action/discipline, and termination/dismissal.

Action requested: LASC's comments are due to the Senate Chair by Friday, March 3, 2023.

VII. Consultation with Associate University Librarian for Research and Engagement – *Sara Davidson Squibb* [2:30 – 2:55pm]

- A. National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grant project update
- B. Library's collections budget (deficit) update
- C. Exclusion of the Library in the campus Indirect Cost Recovery (IDCR) policy

VIII. Other Business [2:55 – 3:00pm]