

**COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY & SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION**  
**Annual Report 2010-11**

To the Academic Senate, Santa Cruz Division:

The Committee on the Library and Scholarly Communication (COLASC) is pleased to report on a productive year. Roberto Manduchi served as COLASC Chair for Fall and Winter quarters, and Murray Baumgarten, Pranav Anand, and Stacy Kamehiro acted as Chairs Pro Tem during Spring quarter. Representatives from the Librarians Association of the University of California (LAUC), Santa Cruz Chapter, Nicole Lawson (Chair) and Annette Marines (Vice-Chair) sat *ex officio* with the committee as did Virginia (Ginny) Steel, UCSC University Librarian. Michael Laird and Aviv Spillinger served as Student Union Assembly (SUA) undergraduate representatives, and Jeff Sanceri served as the Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) representative in Winter quarter. Liana Gamber Thompson served as the analyst for the committee.

Due to a temporary shortage in Academic Senate Office (ASO) staffing during Fall, COLASC did not hold meetings that quarter.

Major topics addressed by COLASC during the 2010-11 academic year included:

**Committee Bylaw Amendments/Name Change**

The Committee on the Library (COL) has been reviewing policies/issues relating to scholarly communication for several years now. Therefore, the 2010-11 COL committee members felt that it was time to amend COL bylaws and change the committee name to the Committee on the Library and Scholarly Communication (COLASC) to reflect its rapidly broadening purview and to mirror the systemwide University of California Committee on the Library and Scholarly Communication (UCOLASC).

Committee members presented a bylaw amendment proposal at the March 9, 2011 Senate Meeting, which passed without contestation. The new committee bylaws define scholarly communication as the “modalities by which research and creative work are made public.” These include technology, publishing, teaching, archiving, and copyright. The new bylaws also state that, in consultation with the University Librarian, COLASC will advise the Chancellor and the Committee on Planning and Budget on the library budget, apportionment of funds, allocation of space, and other matters concerning the library. COLASC will also advise and consult with the Chancellor on administrative reviews of the library.

**Copyright**

While COLASC did not comment directly on any copyright policies/issues during the 2010-11 academic year, the committee members spent a good deal of time researching various forms of copyright. The committee also consulted with staff and faculty from across campus on matters related to copyright, particularly with regard to digital copyright and fair use laws.

These topics were of particular interest and concern for COLASC in light of a recent federal lawsuit brought against Georgia State University alleging copyright infringement for the distribution of copyrighted materials to students online via e-Reserves. Throughout the year,

Ginny Steel, UCSC University Librarian, kept the committee informed on the various developments in the case. She also kept the committee updated on litigation against Google Books regarding the development, licensing, and marketing of a digital books database. COLASC also consulted with Jim Phillips, Director of UCSC Learning Technologies, and Katie Fortney of the University Library (who has a background in fair use law) about these cases and how copyright law affects professors and students on the UCSC campus. In the future, COLASC members would like to help spread information to the campus community about strategies for avoiding copyright infringement.

### **UCSC Budget Reductions**

In late Winter quarter, Executive Vice Chancellor (EVC) Galloway announced that a permanent 15.5% budget reduction for all academic support units would be implemented starting in 2011-12. All academic units will face a reduction of between 5-6%. These reductions were necessitated by statewide budget cuts to the UC system.

While COLASC members understood that these cuts are a necessary result of reductions to the California state budget, they were troubled by the depth of the cuts to the University Library; COLASC members drafted a letter to EVC Galloway in March, 2011 expressing this concern and arguing that the Library be treated as an academic unit, not as an academic support unit, in the allocation of cuts, as it plays a central role in supporting UCSC's academic mission.

### **Survey Planning**

In early Spring quarter, COLASC members began to explore the possibility of sponsoring a campus-wide survey for faculty, undergraduates, and graduate students on their use of library space and resources. By mid-quarter, the committee had developed rough drafts of undergraduate and faculty surveys. COLASC members will work on refining the survey in Fall 2011.

### **Consultations and Correspondence**

#### Communication with the UCSC University Librarian

In 2010-11, COLASC continued its communication with the University Librarian, Ginny Steel, who served *ex officio* on the committee. At each meeting, she updated the committee on important library-related issues; her insight was invaluable for the committee members, and it often gave them a nuanced view of library matters which are not always readily available to faculty.

In Spring quarter, Ginny Steel gave COLASC members a "behind the scenes" tour of the McHenry Library renovations which were completed in summer 2011.

#### Communication with Systemwide Library Committees

One of the topics on which the University Librarian kept the committee members updated was the development of the Systemwide Library and Scholarly Information Advisory Committee (SLASIAC) Library Planning Task Force Report. In March, 2011 she alerted the committee that the implementation of action memoranda was slated to run parallel to Academic Senate consultation and that this could have negative implications for UCSC and other UC campuses. Accordingly, COLASC members drafted a letter to SLASIAC expressing their deep concern

over this suggested simultaneous implementation/vetting. As a result, SLASIAC altered the original timeline for the implementation of action memoranda, allowing ample time for Senate consultation.

### Consultations

COLASC consulted with the following individuals in 2010-11:

- Jim Phillips, Director of Learning Technologies
- Katie Fortney, University Librarian (specialty in copyright/fair use)

### Official Correspondence

COLASC commented on the following documents in 2010-11:

- ITS Self-Study  
COLASC members felt the ITS Self-Study Report (produced in preparation for the unit's 2011 External Review) was clear and informative, and they especially appreciated the included discussion of the ITS budget. COLASC members noted that the report lacked a significant discussion of ITS support of the library in the dissemination and delivery of library materials and maintenance of library archives and databases.
- UC Online Education Project  
Under the direction of Chair Pro Tem, Stacy Kamehiro, COLASC members expressed their concerns, many of which overlapped with those of Academic Council, regarding oversight and evaluation of the pilot program, the course approval process, budget, and the project timeline. COLASC members raised specific concerns about the UC Online Education Project's impact on library staff and resources, student access to course materials, and appropriate distribution of copyrighted materials.
- SLASIAC Library Planning Task Force Report  
COLASC members expressed their satisfaction with the extended time for Senate consultation (see discussion of earlier SLASIAC correspondence in "Communication with Systemwide Library Committees" section) and voiced concerns about the inclusion of the UC libraries in the "Working Smarter" initiative. COLASC members did not believe the libraries fit in with the initiative's administrative operations focus.

### **COLASC Representation**

The COLASC chair served as the campus representative on the system-wide University Committee on the Library and Scholarly Communication (UCOLASC) in their Fall and Winter meetings.

Professor Roberto Manduchi will serve as chair of COLASC again for the upcoming academic year (2011-12).

Respectfully submitted,

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