

**COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY AND SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION  
MINUTES  
February 4, 2016**

**Present:** Eileen Zurbriggen (*Chair*), T.J. Demos, Elizabeth Cowell (*ex officio*), Catherine Jones, Frank Gravier (LAUC Chair), Nick Meriwether (LAUC Vice Chair), Gabriela Ramirez-Chavez (GSR)

**Absent:** Howard Haber, Kevin Karplus

**Announcements**

Librarian Cowell reported that she will meet with President Napolitano along with the system-wide librarians on the following topics: California Digital Library, shared collections, storage facilities and Open Access. The California Digital Library has hired Gunter Waibel for the Executive Director position, he was previously the Director, Digitization Program Office at the Smithsonian and worked at Stanford where he unified forty-four digital libraries.

**Library Funds for New Faculty**

EVC Galloway recently approved the new library start-up policy for new faculty and the library has updated the start-up funding letter to faculty. The committee reviewed the language that was sent to Assistant Deans and Divisional Coordinators and noted that the new language did not include the funding amount, although that was recommended.

The Library supports new faculty through new acquisitions by using a profile that is created for each division and is based on the topics that are taught on campus. However, actual acquisitions are demand driven, which means that new items are only purchased if they are requested.

**Finalize Decision on April 15<sup>th</sup> Forum**

The committee continued discussing the change in scholarly communication, which now reaches a much wider audience through social media such as Reddit, an online bulletin board or Twitter. These social media may also serve as a conduit to specialized websites that are related to the general public.

Another topic the committee delved into was the use of e-books and the California Digital Libraries preference of print books since ebooks poses accessibility and visibility barriers. There are challenges to simply being able to access to read, download, bookmark, and navigate the footnote and endnote, and the interface isn't visually appealing. The committee decided not to pursue a forum this year.

**Guest Presentation by Digital Humanities Specialist, Rachel Deblinger**

The committee invited Specialist Deblinger, who is part of the Council on Library and Information Resources postdoctoral fellowship program to present her work with the Library and Humanities division to foster digital humanities scholarship on campus. She explained that digital scholarship is a method to analyze and interpret materials in new ways, using visualization to change or reimagine concepts. The new Digital Scholarship Commons is a resource for divisions, instructors, and graduate students thereby enabling the library to partner in research projects.

The committee was concerned that this new focus on digital scholarship might be diverting resources from the collections budget but Librarian Cowell noted the funding for the Digital Scholarship Commons is from the Humanities Division and the California Digital Library. The library is providing services that

were identified from the faculty survey: organize information, data management research methods and practice, citation management, archival of non-secondary material and software management for primary and secondary information. Librarian Cowell reiterated that librarianship is meant to leverage skills and neutral space as they are the experts in organizing information to support students and the research process.