

**COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY AND SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION  
MINUTES  
December 3, 2015**

**Present:** Eileen Zurbriggen, Chair, Bakthan Singaram, T.J. Demos, Elizabeth Cowell, Catherine Jones, Frank Gravier, Kevin Karplus, Nicholas Meriwether

**Announcements**

Librarian Cowell announced the Library's Special Collection will have an exhibit on books as art starting December 2.

**Open Access Policy and Roll-Out of Harvesting Software**

The software was released the previous weekend with the ability to search a variety of fields but it does not seem to be nuanced enough (e.g., faculty with common name are getting flagged for many articles they did not write) to encourage open access among scholars. Librarian Cowell noted all campuses will be rolling out the software and at that point it would be helpful for COLASC to provide feedback.

There was an email sent from the Librarian in early October for feedback but the response rate wasn't very high. Librarian Cowell will provide the email data information to COLASC Chair Zurbriggen to share at the next meeting and debrief on the systemwide Librarian conference call.

**Forum on Copyright**

The committee continued the discussion of software copyright as a possible forum topic but the committee was not sure it would garner enthusiasm from faculty. Another topic that seems relevant and current for faculty is textbooks, to include publishing, pricing and models, best practice for contracts, licensing rights with e-books, affordability and open access textbook. COLASC determined the forum can perhaps discuss new mechanisms for publishing textbooks and interactive e-textbooks that are different than publishing monographs.

**Library Funding Models**

Librarian Cowell queried the committee on the usefulness of pre-published and final version of journals and COLASC noted the importance of having access to both since final publication may change drastically and it's informative to have pre-published version for timely access to the latest research.

The library has a declining budget with the lowest level of funding per student within the system. Related issues include space and graduate growth affecting the library. Each campus within the system has different approaches to funding, while Merced and Santa Cruz have the same model and recently San Diego had increased funding from their new business department.

The committee reached the consensus to be more active in advocating on the behalf of the library. Librarian Cowell will research with colleagues in the system the advantages and disadvantages of changing from the funding model of percentage increases (or decreases) from the current budget to tying some of the budget to number of students or amount of research grant

funding. These latter models help to reflect the use of the library by students and researchers. Chair Zurbriggen will follow up with CPB and COLASC member Meriwether will contact his University of South Carolina colleague about best practices and strategies for library funding.