

**COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY & SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION  
MINUTES  
April 13, 2017**

**Present:** Eileen Zurbriggen (*chair*), Dimitris Achlioptas (F, S), Chelsea Blackmore, Michael Cowan, Karen Ottemann, Graeme Smith, Gabriela Ramieraz-Chavez (GSR), Elizabeth Cowell (ex-officio), Susan Perry (LAUC Chair), Alix Norton (LAUC Vice Chair)

**Absent:** Jennifer Horne (*S*), Wendy Lin (UGSR)

**Announcements**

Librarian Cowell informed the committee that the University Librarians have recently meet with President Napolitano where she was able to present a proposal to increase resources to the campus to make up for the disparity of resources that is allocated to each of the campuses. The Council of Chancellors and Vice Chancellors has recently approved a proposal to expand the Northern Regional Library Facility and it will go forward to the UC Regents for their approval.

Members inquired about the alarming news about the Office of the President's plans to change the funding model for libraries, which would put the campus at a disadvantage. Librarian Cowell shared that the proposal is still in draft form and it will include a cost model that will take into account all faculty, staff and students.

**Science & Engineering Library Resolution**

At the last meeting, the committee reviewed the resolution and discussed approaches to address each of the items. Members proceeded to discuss the questions posed by individual faculty and other questions that have arisen since the resolution passed in November.

Members noted that the booklist did not seem like an accurate representation of the books removed and the formula for the high browsed books compared to the internal use seems off. Faculty were blindsided by the pace of the Science & Engineering de-duplication project. In the future, members would like to propose much wider consultation with faculty and students and Senate leadership; consultation should go beyond the Senate as a handful of committee members seems inadequate for representing all users, given the wide-ranging resources, services and support the Library provides.

The committee discussed inviting the new CP/EVC to learn more about her priorities and commitment to the Library. This invitation could be to attend a meeting in the fall quarter. The committee would like to share the vision and mission of the Library; members noted that the Library is not only a physical space but also a virtual space. Librarian Cowell shared that the campus is the only eligible UC campus (other than Merced) that does not belong to the Association of Research Libraries due to the lack of sustained financial funding. It may be helpful to affirm what level of research or teaching the Library can sustain. The committee determined that the report will address the failed consultation process, information about the removed books, and how to gain access to copies of any materials that were removed that are needed for research or teaching.

**Presentation on the Redesign of the Library's Website**

LAUC Chair Susan Perry presented a mockup of the website with printouts to seek the committee's feedback. The Library has been working with undergraduate students, graduate students and faculty focus groups to solicit feedback. LAUC Chair Perry reviewed the search options and the content that will be available on the homepage. Members suggested consolidating the three separate search functions identified as catalog, Google scholar, and article or perhaps explaining the "search" terms. Also for faculty, it may be helpful to explicitly state Melvyl or Cruzcat and perhaps automating the ability to log into their account. The committee expressed the willingness to provide further feedback on the redesign, as needed.