

**COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY & SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION
MINUTES
June 8, 2017**

Present: Eileen Zurbriggen (*chair*), Michael Cowan, Jennifer Horne (*S*), Graeme Smith, Karen Ottemann, Elizabeth Cowell (*ex-officio*), Gabriela Ramieraz-Chavez (*GSR*), Wendy Lin (*UGSR*)

Absent: Dimitris Achlioptas (*F,S*), Chelsea Blackmore, Susan Perry (*LAUC Chair*), Alix Norton (*LAUC Vice Chair*)

Debriefed on the Library Symposium Event

The committee congratulated Librarian Cowell on the outstanding symposium event held on May 31. In attendance were a wide range of academic personnel, including post-docs, staff, faculty and emeriti. Members valued learning about the larger context of libraries across the nation. The entire industry is facing challenges with decreasing budgets and meeting the demand of multiple constituencies. The frank discussion was appreciated. Librarian Cowell indicated that most (although perhaps not all) of the presentations would probably be posted to the library website.

A member asked Librarian Cowell if there was a “master plan” for the Science & Engineering Library, because in an informal conversation with architects who were attending the event they indicated that in their experience a “master plan” would always be created, prior to the development of a business case analysis. Librarian Cowell replied that there is only a concept plan but no master plan.

BrightSpot Consulting – STEM Student Success Report Data

The committee reviewed the data that was used to inform the Brightspot STEM Student Success Report to assess if there are any unmet needs relating to library space, resources or functions. The number of students interviewed was approximately fifty students and Life Sciences had more representation than Engineering or Physics. It seems the consultant did not get access to teaching assistants. Some of the students’ comments included their inability to access textbooks, although Librarian Cowell noted that there are textbooks on reserve. The committee concluded that the report and data did not provide much additional useful information.

Reviewed Draft Faculty Survey

The faculty survey subcommittee: Chair Zurbriggen, Member Achlioptas, GSR Ramieraz-Chavez, and Librarian Careaga have created a rough draft based on the committee’s initial discussion. Members reviewed the draft and discussed as a committee. The committee reviewed the rough draft and provided feedback on each of the following sections: demographics, budget, teaching, services, physical spaces and vision for the Library. Based on committee input, Chair Zurbriggen will create a final version of the survey questions and send them to Assistant Director Anna Sher for her to polish and finalize. She will also coordinate with Senate staff regarding joint administration with surveys being planned by COT and COR. The goal is to have surveys go out early in the fall quarter, for maximum chances of grabbing faculty attention and having high response rates.

Demand Driven Acquisition and Faculty Start Up Funds

The committee would like to consult with Librarian Kerry Scott on the demand-driven acquisition program in Fall 2017. Members reviewed the draft questions for that consultation and suggested that it may be helpful to clarify the whole process of demand-driven acquisition (especially for new incoming members). Additionally, Librarian Scott will be asked to provide background information on the type of books or materials available or published to inform and provided context for the DDA enterprise. Librarian Cowell will be able to provide information on how the book profile is set once they hire their new Special Collections director. Similarly, the committee will ask Librarian Scott for a follow up on faculty start-up funds in the Library given the change in practice two years ago to provide permanent funds to the Library for each new faculty FTE approved.