

**COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY & SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION
MINUTES
October 13, 2016**

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

Absent: T.J. Demos

Announcements

The chair briefed members on the wide-ranging discussion at the fall UCOLASC meeting. Highlights include the Executive Director of California Digital Library Gunther Waibel's plan for strategic planning for the CDL , a discussion of the efforts to provide continued funding for the software application that underlies the Open Access repository (which has reached close to 30,000 deposits), efforts to improve shared services across the 10 campuses and to add regional storage facility capacity. UCOLASC would like to have concrete examples of how the student enrollment increase is impacting the campus. If possible, these should be quantified (e.g., number of square feet of library space per student).

The chair also discussed the Open Access 2020 initiative and the *Pay It Forward* report that might be the basis of a practical implementation of the new publishing model. Materials will be shared with the committee and the committee will discuss in more detail this year. The CP/EVC search is in process and the Chair would like the committee to weigh in on the CP/EVC search.

Library Updates from University Librarian Cowell

Even though the quarter is just beginning, Librarian Cowell shared that both libraries are at full capacity in terms of study spaces, a level of crowding/usage they don't usually see until finals. The Library's recent events were well attended. These include the Pirkle Jones & Ruth Marion Baruch "Black Power" photographic exhibit at the Oakland Museum and the Open Access panel discussion "Communicating your Scholarship in an Open Access World". The consolidation project at the Science and Engineering Library is ongoing; the plan is to go beyond study space.

The Library is updating their annual strategic plan, there's a new mission statement that is tied to the campus Envision goals: communication, staff engagement, student, and research excellence. In conjunction, they are working with Brightspot Consulting to produce a case statement to provide to potential donors for the S&E Library. Consultation began this week and will be completed by December.

The campus is very productive in research publication in comparison to other higher education institution. Members discussed analyzing faculty publication output against the Library budget to make a case for increasing the library's budget. Access to materials, articles and books are important in supporting faculty research. Members would like to consult with the Library's Head of Assessment Greg Careaga to learn about the longitudinal trends of research topic at the Library, specifically the history. Librarian Cowell shared that the Digital Scholar: Undergraduate Research Program and Center for Archival Research & Training (CART) building archival are working with the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences division.

Discuss Proactive Agenda

The committee in partnership with the Librarian representatives discussed COLASC priorities for the year. A member inquired about additional exhibition space in the Library, unfortunately the individual who was in charge of outreach and exhibit space has resigned, although the library is hiring more graduate students for the CART program for digital exhibits. Members are interested in improving the Library's budget, communicating services and news to faculty and graduate students, consulting with UCI about their Intellectual Copyright Law presentation, and reviewing the demand driven acquisition model.

A member shared her concern about the cost of textbooks, she no longer uses textbooks and instead posts articles on the learning management system. Members raised the question of how many instructors require books and another member wondered if it was possible for the Library to consider a model of renting books. He proceeded to lay out a rough plan for the potential efficiency and returns. If we make the assumption that the library purchases textbooks for introductory classes that will be used for at least three quarters, a moderate rental charge would cover the cost and may even generate profits for the Library. The committee would like to consult with CPB to learn about the priority of the Library compared to the rest of campus and the tradeoff in allocating resources.

COLASC Faculty Letter

The committee reviewed the letter and there were minor edits. The committee approved the Chair to send out a finalized version of the letter after consultation with LAUC Chair Susan Perry.