

**COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY & SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION
MINUTES
December 1, 2016**

Present: Eileen Zurbriggen (*chair*), Dimitris Achlioptas, Chelsea Blackmore, Michael Cowan, T.J. Demos, Graeme Smith, Wendy Lin (UGSR), Gabriela Ramieraz-Chavez (GSR)

Absent: Elizabeth Cowell (ex-officio), Susan Perry (LAUC Chair), Alix Norton (LAUC Vice Chair)

Announcements

Chair shared that aren't any indication from UCOLASC that UC will consult with the Senate on the Open Access 2020 initiative but she believes it's important to distribute to other committees for their review, to include CAP, CFW, GC, ER, COR, and CAAD. She recently attended the Music and Molecular, Cell and Development Biology department meetings to learn about their library needs.

Science & Engineering Library Discussion

The chair briefed members about the S&E Library discussion at the Senate meeting, faculty in attendance voiced their disagreement with the consultation process and the recycling of the books. A member voiced that he wished faculty at the Senate meeting had been more focused on the CP/EVC and Chancellor. Librarian Cowell had forwarded the committee the closure notice letter for the S&E Library yesterday and members were alarmed that they were not aware of the impending construction. They noted the lack of communication to all faculty and students. The chair will follow up with Librarian Cowell about the closure notice letter for the S&E Library and will request for a meeting to discuss moving forward with more informed consultation.

Members discussed if it would be useful to invite the Dean of Physical & Biological Science to learn about his role in the planning, vision, and viewpoint on the library as scholarly research space because Librarian Cowell is working with him on the renovation of the S&E Library.

The committee continued discussing the inadequate consultation for the S&E Library consolidation project and it has become increasingly clear this was a part of a much larger project and the committee was not privy to the full scope of the future of the S&E Library nor was the committee provided clear information to assess the consolidation project and give feedback. In the initial consultation, the Librarians did not convey the sheer amount of space that would be cleared and the sheer number of volumes that would be removed as a result of recycling the books and journals. It's doubtful the academic senate could have had any input given how quickly the project moved through the summer. Considering the scale of the books removed, the resources that was lost was not a small amount, members lamented that it was unfortunate the campus did not have an opportunity to review nor decide if they wanted to keep the books.

Members would like to continue to discuss with Librarian Cowell the dysfunction of the consultation process. In the future, they hope the information is presented clearly so that COLASC can be fully informed and to reduce the risk that COLASC will act as a rubber stamp. It's important in shared governance to have access to the executive decision and be engaged with honestly. Perhaps COLASC can consult with senate leadership to actively support the committee in their meetings with the administration. It may be worthwhile to have a discussion beyond the committee about the resources the Library is using on physical space rather than books since the change to the future of a book-less library will affect all faculty. Members agreed that while the campus libraries are not distinguished as a research library by the Association of Research Libraries, faculty use the libraries for research and strongly advocate that as a research university, UCSC should have a library adequate to support research and if space is needed for collections, that need should not automatically be trumped by a need for student study spaces. The committee will follow up with the Librarians on the faculty's request for the list of books that were removed from the S&E Library.

Revisiting the Library 2014 Faculty Survey

Members did not discuss the faculty survey.