

**COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY & SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION
MINUTES
February 15, 2018**

Present: Jennifer Horne (*chair*), David Brundage (*W&S*), Michael Cowan, Karen Ottemann, Kyle Parry, Elizabeth Cowell (*ex-officio*), Alix Norton (LAUC Chair), Rachel Jaffe (LAUC Vice Chair), Gabriela Ramirez-Chavez (GSR)

Absent: Chelsea Blackmore (*F&S*), Mircea Teodorescu

Announcement & Member's Items

Fall quarter minutes were approved.

Institutional Research Assessment & Policy Studies Assistant Director Anna Sher provided the committee the preliminary report for the Science & Engineering Library from the survey. Members discussed what they wanted to do with the survey information, they would like to better understand the context of the survey as there are different ways to analyze the data (e.g. by division, titles, etc). Members suggested that member Teodorescu could work with Assistant Director Sher to analyze the data.

Review Proposed Presidential Policy on Open Access for Theses and Dissertations

The committee discussed the proposed policy and agreed with the systemwide policy, noting that in certain humanities and arts fields, graduate students will need to be fully informed about the embargo timeframe. In such instances, students depositing work in California Digital Library should be encouraged to discuss the submission practice and the embargo period with their faculty advisors at the time of submission to California Digital Library.

The committee agree with the policy to provide an accessible platform rather than the subscription-based UMI, which prevents graduate students work from being read by scholars whose institutions cannot afford the services and by those in regions where impoverishment generally prohibits access. In protecting the interests of emerging academic professionals the committee cautioned against protecting the interests of publishers who seek to control the publication scope of authors by means of prohibitive pricing, limited publication runs, and contracts that do not allow authors to retain rights.

Consultation with Collections Development Librarian Kerry Scott

At the previous meeting, the committee posed numerous questions to Librarian Scott relating to the upcoming journal subscription. They invited her back to continue the discussion. Members continued to discussed the guiding principles to assist the librarian staff in making the decisions. The publishing landscape is changing rapidly, for example, recently Proquest alerted UC that they would no longer for access to NYTimes, and after several round of negotiations, California Digital Library was able to re-negotiated a cost savings of \$4,000.

Member noted the following data provided in a simple format for faculty to understand and evaluate will be helpful in analyzing the potential impact of cancelling subscription on the campus:

- Cost of document delivery
- Title of Journals
- Usage Date (e.g. two year, five years, etc)
- Cost of subscriptions
- Duplicated Material

In addition, the committee would also like to understand what is encompassed in the cost of the local material and documents. Librarian Scott plans to gather the data by April and would like to release the full list soon after.