

**COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY & SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION
MINUTES
November 2, 2017**

Present: Jennifer Horne (*chair*), Michael Cowan, Karen Ottemann, Kyle Parry, Mircea Teodorescu, Elizabeth Cowell (ex-officio), Alix Norton (LAUC Chair), Rachel Jaffe (LAUC Vice Chair)

Absent: David Brundage (*W&S*), Chelsea Blackmore, Gabriela Ramirez-Chavez (GSR)

Announcements & Member's Items

Librarian Cowell shared briefly that there is an impending \$200,000 cut to journal subscriptions and noted that a document is forthcoming. She requested the committee's assistance on how to consult with faculty on the criteria to unsubscribe from journal subscriptions. Members want to better understand the issue before commenting. In anticipation of the reoccurring issue with the budget, Chair Horne would like to seek feedback from the Committee on Planning & Budget relating to the Library's budget to try to stay ahead of the issues. Member Cowan will work with Associate Librarian John Bono to review the budget even though central administration will not be providing a formal review of the Library's budget. Chair Horne noted that the committee should try to prepare to get ahead of the points of decision, to be able to assess the situation. Using one-time funds may be able to alleviate the financial pressure, to provide more time to think about the correct path forward.

The committee reviewed the changes to COLASC charge and members agreed on most of the changes. The newly added word "strategize" prompted further discussion. Chair Horne will meet with Librarian Cowell to discuss. Librarian Cowell noted that it may be too onerous to expect the committee to strategize given the unpredictable schedule of actions.

Consultation with Associate Librarian Kerry Scott

The committee consulted with Librarian Scott to learn more about the Libraries' start up funding model and demand drive acquisition. Initially the new model for faculty start-up funds was implemented because a majority of faculty were requesting journal subscriptions as opposed to print purchases. Librarian Cowell shared that funding is not keeping pace with the publishing fee. There will be two rounds of discussion for titles to license, either by the end of November or March. The library has received one-time funds after a member inquired if any of the divisions supplemented the Library's permanent funding.

Regarding book purchases in the collections budget: In the last seven or eight years the number of hard copy and electronic books have steadily increased. However, Librarian Scott warned that in the future electronic books may become less available, and even short term loans for books may change. Depending on the publisher, electronic books come with different rights for access.

Members posed the following questions:

- Which segment of the population benefit from the purchases?
- What's the selection criteria to purchase a title?
- Would it be possible to ask faculty what books they are using for research or teaching?
- What's the culture of demand?
- Who is making requests for a given purchase?
- How could the Library encourage participation so that it's more equitable to faculty from less-well funded fields of expertise?

At the end of the fiscal year, the Library will be reviewing usage, it will include the proportion of faculty, staff, graduate and undergraduate students requesting for access. Print is purchased mostly by faculty and graduate, while undergraduate are purchasing electronic books. The committee would like to assist the Library in evaluating the structure of their decision making process.

UCSC & Open Access

The committee reviewed UC San Francisco's recent implementation of open access and the Chair noted that there are efforts from the University of California's Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication for each campus to become signatories of Open Access 2020 Expression of Interest.

The committee discussed the implication of signing onto the Open Access 2020 Expression of Interest, it will not solve the budget issue but it will be the fastest way to advocate for open access. Other campuses such as UC Merced and UC Davis

have signed on recently, the Chair would like to extend invitations to the Librarians at these campus to consult about signing on to Open Access 2020 Expression of Interest.

Proactive Agenda for 2017-18

The committee discuss working jointly with the Library on the following topics:

- Improving the community college transfer ratio of students to 2:1. The Library is assisting undergraduate students through the departments and providing orientation for transfer students.
- Public safety issue in the Library: the police are frequently called to the Library due to off-campus visitors.
- Protecting free speech: the College Republican recent demonstration.