

## **COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY AND SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION**

### **Annual Report 2020-21**

To: Academic Senate, Santa Cruz Division

The Committee on the Library and Scholarly Communication (COLASC) is charged with advising the campus administration on local and systemwide library and scholarly communication policies. Scholarly communication refers to the multi-faceted modalities by which research and creative work are made public and encompasses issues related to publishing, technology, archiving, and copyright. The committee also advises on the administration of campus libraries and on matters concerning acquisition and management policies for collections. The committee meets biweekly to support this charge and to better understand and learn about the challenges and opportunities facing our libraries. One major issue the COLASC committee dealt with is the closure of the library due to COVID-19 and related issues related to physical inaccessibility. Below we summarize our actions for the 2020-2021 academic year.

#### **I. Library Budget, Collections and Space Orientations**

Based on last year's precedent, the first meetings in the fall were orientations.

John Bono, Associate University Librarian for Planning and Resource Management (AUL), provided an overview of the library budget. This helped the committee to gain a basic understanding of the library budget, including funding levels, spending, how the budget is organized. He also discussed plan to manage the increasing deficit.

Kerry Scott, Associate University Librarian for Collections and Services (AUL), provided the committee with an overview of the library's acquisition (what the library buys or licenses) and access (how the library makes what we have not bought or licensed accessible to the campus community) strategies. She discussed three considerations when thinking about issues of acquisition and access in relation to budget (constraints & stewardship), collective collection, and scholarly production & communication (including Open Access-OA).

#### **II. Finalized De-Selection Criteria and Guidelines**

This is to address an issue carried over from previous years. Since there is no mass weeding project planned for the near future, the committee felt that there is no need at this point to develop detailed guidelines. However, some general guides are developed (below).

“When the University Library determines that a collection review will result in a large-scale deselection project it will:

- Communicate information about the triggering event and its impact on the physical collections to the COLASC Chair, the Senate Chair, and Campus Leadership.
- Establish a timeline for Senate and campus stakeholder review of the criteria being used to assess the collection.
- Work with COLASC to identify campus stakeholders beyond the ones already identified by the library.

- Publish in a location/format accessible to the Academic Senate and campus stakeholders the titles that *may be* discarded and provide a mechanism for the campus to provide feedback.
- Incorporate campus stakeholder feedback, discuss next steps and communication plans with COLASC, Senate and Campus Leadership.”

### **III. Physical Access to Library Collections Related to COVID**

Requests for possible physical access to library and library materials from faculty and students came up a number of times during the year. The committee discussed related issues and possible solutions with the library. At the end, the library managed to find solutions to meet the demands including purchasing and sending the materials to the persons in need. This is clearly a situation that is challenging and new. The committee recommends consideration of possible solutions in case similar situations occur or the current COVID situation persists.

### **IV. Open Access Publication Cost**

The Committee on Research (COR) has asked COLASC to consider the issue on resources available to support open access (OA). Currently, the support for OA publication varies from UC campus to campus. We discussed possible ways to increase support for OA from our campus. It is not clear what the best options are for increasing the budget for OA publication that seems to be a trend on the rise. This is an issue that will need to be addressed further in the future.

### **V. Consultation with AUL Kerry Scott & Scholarly Communications Librarian Martha Stuit**

Martha Stuit, the new Scholarly Communications Librarian, met with the committee and shared some information about her work that is of interest to COLASC. She answered questions from the committee about local issues and needs related to publishing and open access.

AUL Scott also discussed issues that intersect with the AUL, work in collections, and how to help UC Faculty and library and transform scholarly publishing modes and OA agreements, as well as how to contextualize OA with grad students and faculty as authors.

### **VI. LAUC Reps on COLASC**

We discussed the possibility of having “Two representatives from the UCSC Librarians Association invited to sit with the Committee” (currently it states “The Chair and Chair-elect of the UCSC Librarians Association are invited to sit with the Committee”). This change would provide more flexibility to propose to our LAUC membership and for creating a special COLASC representative position. The committee is in favor of this.

### **VII. Other Issues**

COLASC, along with other Senate committees, reviewed proposed divisional and systemwide policies or revisions to policies including New Presidential Policy on UC Research Data and Tangible Research Materials, the Bay Tree Bookstore Operation Proposal. We also discussed the relaunch of the library new web site that we all feel was significantly improved and is now easy to use. We got updated from Kristy Golubiewski-Davis, Head of Digital Scholarship and Greg Careaga, Assessment and Planning Librarian, on the progress of the Design-Build Project

Management Ground Floor of the S&E Library. We also had a discussion about the Systemwide Integrated Library System (SILS) with User Experience & Digital Projects Librarian Jess Waggoner and Digital Scholarship Librarian Daniel Story.

Overall, we had a relatively light but productive year with continued engagement and collaboration with the university library staff.

Respectfully submitted;

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