

Annual Report: Academic Year 2011/2012

Davis Division: Academic Senate

Library Committee

CHARGE: It shall be the duty of this committee to advise the Chief Campus Officer regarding the administration of the Library on the Davis campus, in accordance with the Standing Orders of the Regents, to advise the University Librarian regarding removal and storage of library holdings, and to perform such other duties relative to the Library as may be committed to the Senate by proper authority. The committee shall report at least once a year to the Representative Assembly. (Am. 6/10/93; effective 1/1/94)

MEMBERSHIP:

Brian H. Kolner, Chair	Electrical and Computer Eng.	Alternate Representative to UCOLASC
Timothy B. Morton	English	Representative to UCOLASC
Scott R. Herring	University Writing Program	Academic Federation Representative
Alexander Revzin	Biomedical Engineering	Engineering Representative
Shelley A. Blozis	Psychology	Letters and Science Representative
Rebecca Ambrose	School of Education	School of Education Representative
Kimberly Elsbach	Grad. School of Management	Grad. School of Management Rep.
Alla Fomina	Physiology & Membrane Bio.	School of Medicine Representative
Munashe Chigerwe	Medicine & Epidemiology	Veterinary Medicine Representative
Jordan S. Carroll	English	Graduate Student Representative
Anupam Chander	Law School	Law School Representative
Valley Stewart	Microbiology	College of Biological Sciences Rep.
Randolph M. Siverson	Political Science	Acting University Librarian
Solomon Bekele	Academic Senate Office	Resource Analyst

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS: Once per quarter, additionally if necessary.

PRINCIPAL ISSUES CONSIDERED:

University Librarian. Professor Randolph Siverson has been acting University Librarian (UL) for the past year and the search for a permanent UL was begun in earnest in Fall 2011. Three final candidates were invited to visit the campus and the Library Committee was invited to meet with them. Several committee members attended these meetings and ultimately Mackenzie Smith, from MIT, was chosen and joined the campus on June 1, 2012.

Budget Situation. Acting UL Siverson informed the Senate Library Committee (SLC) that the library is running on a deficit and that this and recent cuts are going to be very problematic. In addition, it was reported that the UCD Library System has for a decade been underfunded and received no substantive funding increases. It now remains for the new University Librarian (see below) along with Academic Senate to lobby the administration for increases to the Library budget to restore excellence in our collections and our access to scholarly publications.

Senate Library Committee Reorganization. In an effort to provide better representation across campus to the SLC, a Senate task force proposed to reorganize the committee into the following form;

1. Chair plus two members from disparate disciplines to be responsible for representation at
 - (a) Academic Senate Executive Council
 - (b) University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (UCOLASC)
 - (c) Systemwide Library and Scholarly Information Advisory Committee (SLASIAC)

2. Five representatives from the following discipline-based sub-committees;
 - (a) Science & Engineering
 - (b) Biology and Agricultural Sciences
 - (c) Humanities
 - (d) Social Sciences
 - (e) Health Sciences
3. The University Librarian
4. One graduate and one undergraduate student representative (non-voting)

This proposed change of membership would necessitate a change in Davis Division Bylaw 83(A). A draft was prepared by the Senate Committee on Rules, Elections and Jurisdiction (CERJ) and is still in draft form. Some SLC members expressed reservations about the new structure and the issue was tabled for a future meeting.

Carlson Health Sciences Library. A committee member has noted that this library, which serves the faculty, staff and students of the School of Medicine and the School of Veterinary Medicine, has insufficient resources to cover electronic journals essential to the clientele. In addition, the library will be losing the entire first floor to office space for the new Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine. In view of this dire situation with the Library, Professor Siverson (acting UL) indicated that as part of the first floor renovation, there is a plan for renovation of the Library in the near future. Although an architect has been chosen, there has been no input solicited from ladder faculty and this was a serious discussion point. Also, there was no indication that additional funds would be found to enhance the electronic journal subscriptions.

Nature Publishing Group Subscription Costs. It was reported last year to the campuses through the University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (UCOLASC) that *Nature Publishing Group* (NPG) was going to substantially increase the cost of subscription to the University of California for the package of more than 60 journals to which we subscribe. Although the UC negotiates subscription prices either on an individual campus basis or collectively (as in this case), the indicated increase was deemed so outrageous that the Chair of UCOLASC (Professor Richard Schneider, UCSF) and several representatives from the California Digital Library (CDL) and UCOP began negotiations with the NPG to find a mutually acceptable solution to this dilemma. As of May 2012, negotiations are still in progress with a new subscription model being developed that will preserve access to the desired *Nature Group* publications without incurring the large increase in cost originally planned. Owing to contractual limitations, the details of these negotiations cannot be made available to the faculty yet. However, the good news is that our current subscription contract has been extended and thus we maintain access to all previous NPG publications.

Open Access. Arguably the most significant and important event (since perhaps the introduction of electronic publishing) to happen in scholarly communication is implementation of *Open Access* as a policy directive. The University of California, through its faculty and researchers, has proposed that all scholarly articles destined for peer-reviewed journals shall be freely available to all people via a repository in the California Digital Library (CDL). The argument for this new policy stems from the fact that almost all university research is funded by the public and unless a taxpayer has a subscription to the journal(s) containing the scholarly work that they therefore have a right to access, they are shut out of the process. This is also true of the University system. The scholars who do the work, write the papers, review the work of others, sit on editorial boards, etc., are then required (usually through institutional subscriptions) to pay for access to their own work. With this in mind, a number of leading peer institutions (*e.g.*, Harvard, MIT, Duke, Princeton, Kansas) have now implemented policies which require authors to provide copies of published work to be available in publicly accessible repositories.

UCOLASC has proposed a similar policy for the UC system based on the policies implemented by the aforementioned institutions. A preliminary version of this policy was circulated to the 10 campuses via the UCOLASC representatives in the spring of 2012. The UC Davis SLC asked the Senate Executive Council that this policy, with much explanatory material and FAQ's, be posted on a discussion forum for all researchers to read and comment. This was implemented

http://academicsenate.ucdavis.edu/Forums/index.cfm?Forum_ID=67

and the comments and general tone of the Davis response was fed back to the Chair of UCOLASC (Professor Chris Kelty, UCLA). With feedback from all 10 campuses, Chair Kelty revised the proposed policy and presented it to the July 25th Academic Council (AC) meeting. Academic Council was very supportive of the proposed policy and have asked that it now be sent to all 10 campuses for review. This will happen in the fall and AC Chair Anderson encouraged all campuses to discuss this important document widely, in town hall meetings, Academic Senate and Council meetings, etc. Feedback will be due December 1. UCD SLC Chair Kolner will plan to address the Senate and present details and field questions during the review period. The final draft is shown below.

Final Draft, Open Access Policy, June 12, 2012:

“The Faculty of The University of California is committed to disseminating its research and scholarship as widely as possible. In particular, as part of a public university system, the Faculty is dedicated to making its scholarship available to the people of California. In keeping with this commitment to open dissemination and public access, the Faculty adopts the following policy:

Each Faculty member grants to the University of California a nonexclusive, irrevocable, worldwide license to exercise any and all rights under copyright relating to each of his or her scholarly articles, in any medium, and to authorize others to do the same. The policy applies to all scholarly articles authored or co-authored while the person is a member of the Faculty except for any articles published before the adoption of this policy and any articles for which the Faculty member entered into an incompatible licensing or assignment agreement before the adoption of this policy. This policy does not transfer copyright ownership, which remains with Faculty authors under existing University of California policy. Application of the license will be waived for a particular article or access delayed for a specified period of time upon express direction by a Faculty member to the University of California.

To assist the University in disseminating and archiving the articles, each Faculty member will provide an electronic copy of his or her final version of the article to the University of California by the date of its publication. The University of California will make the article available in an open access repository. When appropriate, a Faculty member may instead notify the University of California if the article will be freely available in another repository or as an open-access publication.

The Academic Senate and the University of California will be responsible for implementing this policy, resolving disputes concerning its interpretation and application, and recommending any changes to the Faculty. The Academic Senate and the University of California will review the policy within three years, and present a report to the Faculty. The Faculty calls upon the Academic Senate and the University of California to develop and monitor mechanisms that would render implementation and compliance with the policy as convenient for the Faculty as possible.”

Respectfully submitted by Brian H. Kolner, August 8, 2012