Library Committee

Monday, October 12, 2015
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
410 Mrak Hall

Meeting Summary

Present: Dennis Ventry (Chair), Michael Toney, Kevin Gee, Mary Christopher, JaRue Manning, Kevin Schenthal (Guest)

Absent: M. Saif Islam, Judy Jernstedt, Joseph Chen, MacKenzie Smith

1. Introductions

Committee introduced themselves

2. Committee Priorities for 2015-2016 (Supporting Materials on the Whiteboard in ASIS)

Chair Ventry went over the committee’s priorities for the upcoming academic year which are:

- Final review of the Ithaka S+R local faculty survey. Last year, the committee requested additional information. University Librarian, MacKenzie Smith, will speak to the Ithaka Survey during the upcoming meetings.

- Implementation of the Open Access Policy at UC Davis.

- Review of the Library Committee’s charter. Chair Ventry noted that the committee’s charter has not been updated to reflect the digital revolution of the library. The committee should consider if the charge still represents the function of the committee. Several members also brought up the possibility of updating the composition of the Committee’s membership as outlined in the charter.

3. Open Access (Supporting Materials on the Whiteboard in ASIS)

Chair Ventry provided the committee with a brief background on the Open Access Policy and noted that Academic Senate Chair Knoesen has requested that the committee provided the Executive Council with a “one-pager” on the Policy.

Kevin Schenthal, a graduate student at UC Davis who has been assisting the Library and MacKenzie Smith with the implementation of Open Access, delivered a PowerPoint presentation to the committee with information on the history of Open Access, how it works, what it does, and how the committee can assist in the implementation.
The Open Access Policy adopted by the Academic Senate in July 2013 allows Senate faculty to make their articles freely available to the public in an open access repository called eScholarship. The policy does not transfer copyright to UC nor allow UC to sell the articles. It does not prevent faculty from transferring copyright to publishers. And it permits faculty to opt out.

The initial launch of the UC Open Access Policy began in January 2015 at UCSF, UC Irvine, UCLA, and UCSB followed by UCB and UCM. In January 2016, UC Davis will launch Open Access. Currently, the UC Open Access Policy covers only Academic Senate Faculty. A pending Presidential Proposal would cover non-Senate members.

One of the tools of Open Access is the “harvester” system, which will harvest the internet for journals and items that should be included in eScholarship. Harvester will then prompt faculty members with an email asking if they would like to upload the article to eScholarship or submit a waiver for that one article. As this is a retroactive policy dating back to July 24, 2013, faculty could receive emails for any article published after that date.

One of the goals of the Library is to communicate and educate the faculty. This could be accomplished through:

- Announcements from the Academic Senate/Library Committee
- Department town halls facilitated by the Library Committee
- Interactive question and answer system for faculty members
- Departmental “concierges” or point persons on Open Access. This person(s), perhaps members of an IT department, could work with the Library Committee (and the University Library) in outreach and implementation of Open Access

Discussion:

- The final version before final layout and page proofs is what should be uploaded to eScholarship
- Articles can be linked through SSRN, PubMed, etc.
- When a work is co-authored, any author may upload the article to eScholarship without permission of the co-authors so long as the individual is not receiving money or payment or royalties that he/she withholds from the other co-authors.

Action: Chair Ventry will draft a one-page information sheet to submit to the Academic Senate Chair and will circulate the draft to committee members before submitting it.

4. Chair Ventry notified the committee that he would not be able to attend the next Systemwide UCOLASC Meeting on November 23. He requested that any member who might be able to represent the committee at the meeting send an email to him and Sierra Feldmann.