UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY
ANNUAL REPORT 2004-2005

TO THE ASSEMBLY OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE:

Under Senate Bylaw 185, the University Committee on Library (UCOL) is charged with advising the President concerning the administration of the libraries of the University of California in accordance with the Standing Orders of the Regents. UCOL met once during the 2004-2005 academic year. Highlights of the committee's activities and accomplishments are noted in this report.

Campus Reports
UCOL members reported on the activities of the divisional academic senate library committees. The primary topics of concern for the campus committees this year include budget cuts to the libraries, development of collection strategies, discussion of the *Systemwide Strategic Directions for Libraries and Scholarly Communication* report issued by the Systemwide Libraries and Scholarly Information Advisory Committee (SLASIAC report), and scholarly communications issues, including the drafting of resolutions on scholarly communication at two campuses. Members shared ideas and best practices for dealing with various issues related to library operational issues and scholarly communications.

Collection Strategies
UCOL members discussed various strategies for collecting, storing and sharing print copies of library resources, and the effects of increasing digitization of library collections. Members expressed the importance of maintaining both print and digital collections, and concern over the Libraries' abilities to stay ahead of outdated forms of digital media. One UCOL member wished to broaden the Libraries' involvement in collection strategies and establish a long-term model of research support mechanisms which encompass data management of all media beyond books and journals, including course websites, data sets, unpublished research, reports and working papers.

Scholarly Communication
UCOL discussed the recommendations included in the committee's December 3, 2004 letter to the Academic Council regarding the SLASIAC report, specifically concerning UCOL's suggestion that the University should establish itself as a major publisher of journals. UCOL members discussed local campus practices in relation to scholarly publication and alternative publication models, and expressed great interest in the San Diego Academic Senate's establishment of procedures requiring review of scholarly work with regard to the quality of content only, and not by the type of media or publishing location. UCOL members recognized that the challenge remains to alter the larger University culture surrounding journal publication and quality review in order to adequately remedy this problem.

Consultation with the Librarians Association of the University of California (LAUC)
UCOL met with the LAUC President, Terence Huwe, to discuss the LAUC's mission, issues under review by the LAUC including the development of information literacy programs, and ways to improve communication and working relationships among the University Librarians and faculty members.

Joint Meeting with University Librarians
UCOL met jointly with the University Librarians during the afternoon meeting session. The University Librarians presented the following topics to UCOL for information and discussion:

Scholarly Communication
Representatives of the Office of Scholarly Communication provided an overview of the *eScholarship Repository*, an open-access platform that supports a variety of faculty-initiated publishing activities with the goals of providing faculty with tools to broaden dissemination of their scholarship while providing long term care for faculty-created content. The *eScholarship Postprint Repository*, which is a University-managed environment for archiving previously published articles on the Internet, was also presented. The University Librarians and UCOL members engaged in a discussion concerning the kinds of actions that faculty can pursue and are pursuing to reshape scholarly communication, including providing open access to their works, passing resolutions, and sponsoring conferences and colloquia. UCOL members also highlighted some of the unresolved issues involved in addressing the digital content management needs of the faculty, and the potential for institutional support for launching of new journals and alternative publication ventures.

Collection Strategies
Key features of the Libraries' shared print program include prioritizing collection initiatives to avoid duplication, save space, improve access, verify the quality and completeness of holdings, provide a print backup when digital versions are not equivalent, and expand the scope of the Universitywide collection. Discussions involving the digitization of University print collections are ongoing and are not sufficiently advanced at the present time. The University Librarians noted that the recently announced Google initiative to digitize the collections of a few major research libraries is not as concrete or comprehensive as may have been represented in the press.

Library Strategic Plan
UCOL members and the University Librarians discussed the concerns and recommendations raised in the letters submitted by the Academic Council and UCOL regarding the Strategic Plan issued by SLASIAC in its report, *Systemwide Strategic Directions for Libraries and Scholarly Communication at the University of California*. Regular assessment of progress and communication with those affected by the Strategic Plan will be accomplished through SLASIAC, an annual report on progress, and a page on the University Libraries' website. Central administrative and oversight responsibilities are charged to SLASIAC, and funding of the Strategic Plan will be

accomplished through co-investment of campus and systemwide resources in shared collections and services. Faculty involvement will continue to be promoted through representation on SLASIAC (with three Academic Senate representatives and six at-large faculty members), the scholarly communication program, through campus consultations with the University Librarians, and through special initiatives such as the Academic Council Special Committee on Scholarly Communication (SCSC).

The University Librarians also reported on a recent collaboration between the Office of Systemwide Library Planning, the UCOP Budget Office, the Shared Library Facilities Board, SLASIAC, and other interested groups who will work to develop and consult widely with the University community a "case statement" that sets out the key characteristics of the academic information environment through year 2015, and which posits the roles and functions of the University libraries in that environment. The collaboration is expected to extend into the 2005-06 academic year.

UCOL Representation
UCOL is also represented on the University Committee on Information Technology and Telecommunications Policy (ITTP) – the UCOL Chair is an *ex officio* member of ITTP.

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