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UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE
ON
LIBRARY AND SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION
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TO THE ASSEMBLY OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE:
The University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (UCOLASC) met three times in the 2012-2013 academic year to conduct business in accordance with its charge, outlined in Senate Bylaw 185, to advise the president about the administration of University libraries. Highlights of the committee's major activities are outlined briefly below.

Open Access
Two important developments had already occurred by the time the committee convened for its October meeting. The UCSF Academic Senate voted on and unanimously passed an Open Access Policy for UCSF at the May 21, 2012 Division Meeting. And the systemwide review of the proposed open access policy began in August. The responses from the campuses in January were critical of the details of the policy but supportive of open access in general, and Council asked UCOLASC to consider making revisions. At the February meeting, the committee agreed that a revised proposal should be put forward. UCOLASC members also agreed that it would be helpful to have a memorandum of understanding (MOU) detailing the implementation details between the Office of the President, the California Digital Library (CDL) and the Senate. The most problematic aspects of the proposed policy, the scope of the license grant and commercial reuse, were addressed in a revision of the policy. During this time, Chair Kelty also worked with the Senate and CDL leadership on the Memorandum of Understanding.

Provost Dorr responded positively to the MOU and in May, the revised proposal and MOU were submitted to Council for reconsideration. Council agreed on an expedited review of the new proposal, which was completed in July. On July 24th, the Academic Council voted in favor of adopting the open access policy for all faculty at the University of California. It is expected that faculty at UCLA and UCI in addition to UCSF will begin depositing their articles on November 1, 2013 and that expansion to the remaining seven campuses will occur after a year. Key information to help UC faculty is already available at the Reshaping Scholarly Communication website and upon approval of the policy, the Senate leadership, Chair Kelty and CDL representatives immediately began discussing implementation details. UCOLASC will closely monitor implementation of the policy in the coming year.

The committee members wish to commend Chair Kelty for his extraordinary commitment to instituting open access at the University of California. UCOLASC members also wish to convey extra thanks to Executive Director Martha Winnacker for providing her expertise at every step and to Directors Laine Farley and Catherine Mitchell from the California Digital Library for their advice and active involvement in setting the policy up for success.

Update on Journal Negotiations
UCOLASC received regular updates on the status of journal negotiations from Ivy Anderson, Director of Collections at the California Digital Library. In October, UCOLASC was advised that discussions between the Nature Publishing Group and UC regarding a pilot of an open access business model were essentially over although NPG had not shared its future plans with UC. As a direct result of CDL's cost control efforts and careful analyses, UC has been successful in its negotiations, but its budget capacity has not kept pace (there is a 14% gap between negotiated costs and UC library budgets). The committee debated the pros and cons of various strategies that CDL might use to achieve the central goal of cutting costs. It was noted that, in the past, there have been varying degrees of faculty support for proposed boycotts against different publishers. The committee also recognized that, since publishers have a monopoly and there are not alternatives to their journals, walking away from negotiations is not the best

option. UCOLASC welcomes the ongoing opportunity to consult with CDL on these important negotiations.

Legislative Issues
The committee discussed several pieces of state and federal legislation related to open access. Two open source textbook bills, Senate Bills 1052 and 1053, were passed by the Senate and signed by the Governor this year. These bills created a requirement for fifty open access textbooks for the three systems in California. The Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS) was put in charge of administrating a committee that will develop these resources. The legislation provides $5M in funding with the requirement that matching funds are raised. UCOLASC members were asked to suggest candidates to appoint to the committee that will work on this project with ICAS. Existing open source textbooks and other resources may be identified and used, and the nine person committee will make sure faculty know the resources exist. The California State University system is tasked with maintaining the digital library where the resources will be housed. ICAS is tasked with coordinating the effort and the community colleges will provide the staff.

The Fair Access to Science and Technology Research (FASTR) Act is a reintroduction of a federal bill that has been circulating since the NIH open access mandate went into effect. Research funded by federal agencies with budgets over $100M is required to be publicly available in something like PubMed. The bill requires that the agencies coordinate to develop the repository and the embargo would be for six months. FASTR is consistent with open access legislation that UCOLASC has supported before but as of April, this act did not seem to be moving forward and it was not clear whether it would go to committee.

UCOLASC was excited about the February announcement that the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) will mandate that federal agencies to develop an open access policy. Director Farley reported in April that the University Librarians are preparing comments on the OSTP policy in response to a request from the agencies involved for input about implementation. The federal agencies were given an August 22 deadline to comply with the White House directive.

In February, a version of FASTR was introduced in the California legislature, Assembly Bill 609. Assemblyman Nestande introduced AB 609 to make state funded research publicly available. Chair Kelty and UC state government relations people spoke with staff in the assemblyman's office about what has been learned in the process of drafting the proposed UC open access policy as well as the concerns faculty have expressed. Many of the changes discussed were incorporated into the revised legislation, which was went to committee in May. The legislation passed out of committee in May, and was sent to the Assembly floor for a vote on May 30th. It passed that vote, but consideration by the senate has been delayed until the fall of 2013.

Joint Meeting with University Librarians
UCOLASC met with the University Librarians in February to discuss common topics of interest, including open access and the CDL budget.

Campus Reports
UCOLASC devoted part of each regular meeting to member reports about issues facing divisional Senate library committees. In these discussions, faculty members touched on library budget and space issues.

Committee Consultations and Acknowledgements
UCOLASC acknowledges the contributions of its administrative consultants and guests. The committee benefited from consultation and reports from University Librarians Convener Virginia Steel (UCSC), CDL Executive Director Laine Farley, CDL Director of Collections Ivy Anderson, CDL Director of Publishing Catherine Mitchell, and Librarians Association of the University of California President Keri

Botello (UCLA). UCOLASC also consulted the Academic Senate chair, vice chair, and executive director about issues facing the Academic Senate.

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