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SYSTEM-WIDE COMMITTEE CHAIRS DIVISION CHAIRS

RE: System-wide Review of the Universitywide Committee on Library (UCOL) Proposed Amendment to Senate [Bylaw 185-Library](#)

Dear System-wide Committee and Division Chairs:

On behalf of Chair Oakley, the above document is being forwarded for your review and comments. In order for the Academic Council to consider UCOL's request for an amendment to its bylaw by early next academic year we would very much appreciate receiving responses by the date listed below:

For **System-wide Committees** please submit responses by: **June 8, 2006**

For **Divisions** please submit responses by: **July 13, 2006**

As a reminder to System-wide Committee Chairs, please note two points regarding the practice the Academic Council has established for general reviews:

1. **Request for comments are sent out to all System-wide Committees. Each committee may decide whether or not to opine.** Please notify the Senate Office either directly by emailing me or through your Committee Analyst, if your committee chooses not to participate in this review.
2. **The Committee response due date is typically set a month before that of Divisions.** This two-stage review allows the Academic Council to conduct both a preliminary and a final discussion of the matter at hand. It also gives the Divisions the benefit of the committees' considerations for their own deliberations.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "María".

María Bertero-Barceló, Executive Director
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Encl: 1
Copy: Academic Council Chair John Oakley
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March 20, 2006

JOHN OAKLEY, CHAIR
ACADEMIC COUNCIL

RE: UCOL Bylaw 185 Amendments

Dear John,

As part of its discussions regarding the White Papers from the Special Committee on Scholarly Communication (SCSC), the University Committee on Library (UCOL) has held substantive discourse on its charge in the face of the rapidly evolving nature of scholarly communications. It is clear that scholarly communications is not only complex, but also quite broad. It encompasses a wide-range of subtopics, including escalating journal and monograph prices, faculty copyright, electronic communications, technology, and new venues for electronic publications. While UCOL commends the SCSC for its excellent work in bringing faculty attention to these issues, their white papers have also illustrated the need for long-term faculty oversight over scholarly communication.

Such oversight should be facilitated through a systemwide standing committee of the Academic Senate. The University Committee on Library (UCOL) is the appropriate location for such faculty oversight, as scholarly communications is very germane to the business of UCOL. As the introduction to the SCSC's white papers aptly notes, UC librarians have been involved in the management of scholarly communication from the beginning. UCOL has subsequently not only become familiar with these issues, but more importantly, it has gained a significant body of expertise in this area. Quite simply, the committee believes that scholarly communications cannot be divorced from faculty oversight and governance of the UC library system. While UCOL members would welcome the establishment of a special administrative task force to implement the work of the SCSC, they also feel that there is a need for long-term faculty oversight of scholarly communications, which UCOL is best equipped to handle.

Recognizing the challenges that scholarly communication raises, which are central to the mission of the University, UCOL proposes both a change to its charge as well as its name. Senate Bylaw 185, which governs UCOL, stipulates that the committee "advise the President concerning the administration of the libraries of the University in accordance with the Standing Order of the Regents." UCOL requests that this Bylaw be expanded to include oversight over scholarly communication. Second, UCOL would like to change its name from the "University Committee on Library" to the "University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication" to reflect this expanded mandate.

Thank you for considering this request.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Crow". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "B" and a stylized "C" for "Crow".

Ben Crow
Chair, UCOL

Encl: 1
cc: UCOL
Executive Director Bertero-Barcelo

Academic Senate Bylaw 185 Justification

Statement of Purposes of Amendments to Bylaw 185:

It has become increasingly clear to UC faculty that the traditional models of scholarly communication have become unsustainable. From ever-increasing journal subscription costs, to new modes and venues of scholarly production, to heightened competition for both profit and non-profit publishers (such as university presses and scholarly societies), libraries have struggled to guarantee faculty members access to scholarly information. Reflecting this state of affairs, the Academic Senate established the Special Committee on Scholarly Communication (SCSC) to address these issues. Subsequently, the SCSC has submitted five white papers that not only expounded on these issues, but also proposed solutions to them.

These white papers have also illustrated the need for long-term faculty oversight over scholarly communication, which should be facilitated through a systemwide standing committee of the Academic Senate. The University Committee on Library (UCOL) is the appropriate location for such faculty oversight, as scholarly communications is very germane to the business of UCOL. As the introduction to the SCSC's white papers aptly notes, UC librarians have been involved in the management of scholarly communication from the beginning. UCOL has subsequently not only become familiar with these issues, but more importantly, it has gained a significant body of expertise in this area. In addition, scholarly communications cannot and should not be divorced from faculty oversight and governance of the UC library system.

Statement of Intended Effect of Amendments to Bylaw 185:

The proposed amendment to Bylaw 185, which governs UCOL, would expand its charge to include oversight over scholarly communication. In its current form, Bylaw 185 limits UCOL to advising "the President concerning the administration of the libraries of the University in accordance with the Standing Order of the Regents." The proposed amendment would both expand UCOL's mandate to give it oversight over scholarly communication, and change its name from the "University Committee on Library" to the "University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication" to reflect this expanded mandate.

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

185. Library

- A. Membership shall be determined in accordance with Bylaw 128. One undergraduate student and one graduate student shall sit with the Committee. [See Bylaw 128.E.] The Vice Chair shall be chosen in accordance with Bylaw 128.D.2. and 3. A University librarian and the Chair of the Committee on Information

Technology and Telecommunications Policy shall serve ex officio.
(Am 7 May 87; Am 28 May 2003)

- B. Duties. Consistent with [Bylaw 40](#), the Committee shall: (Am 28 May 2003)
1. Advise the President concerning the administration of the libraries of the University in accordance with the Standing Orders of The Regents.
 2. Perform such other appropriate duties as may be committed to the Academic Senate by proper authority.

PROPOSED LANGUAGE

185. Library and Scholarly Communication

- A. Membership shall be determined in accordance with Bylaw 128. One undergraduate student and one graduate student shall sit with the Committee. [See Bylaw 128.E.] The Vice Chair shall be chosen in accordance with Bylaw 128.D.2. and 3. A University librarian and the Chair of the Committee on Information Technology and Telecommunications Policy shall serve ex officio.
(Am 7 May 87; Am 28 May 2003)
- B. Duties. Consistent with [Bylaw 40](#), the Committee shall: (Am 28 May 2003)
1. Advise the President concerning the administration of the libraries of the University, **and issues related to scholarly communication**, in accordance with the Standing Orders of The Regents.
 2. Perform such other appropriate duties as may be committed to the Academic Senate by proper authority.