COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY
Thomas Newman, MD, MPH, Chair

MINUTES
Meeting of January 12, 2006

PRESENT:  Thomas Newman, Judith Barker, Eberhard Fiebig, Nancy Hessol, Ralph Marcucio, Richard Schneider, Francis Szoka, Dave Teitel

ABSENT:  Ilona Frieden, Kathy Shook, Geoff Manley

PERMANENT
GUESTS:  Karen Butter, University Librarian; Anneliese Taylor, LAUC (Librarian’s Association of the University of California) Representative

The meeting of the Committee on Library was called to order by Chair Newman on January 12, 2006 at 10:13 a.m. in Room CL 101. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the September 15, 2005 and November 10, 2005 meetings were approved unanimously after corrections to attendance records were made. The symbols used to record attendance were clarified. Absences are excused if reported to chair or staff in advance.

Chair’s Report
Chair Newman revisited various issues raised in previous meetings and queried members on whether they would like to continue to pursue these issues:

1. Scholarly Communications. Committee members were not only concerned with issues relating to academic freedom – but the effects on promotion when publishing in open access. To this end, the Committee discussed working with CAP to establish guidelines that would aid those publishing in open access during the promotion process. Chair Newman promised to contact CAP (Committee on Academic Personnel) Chair Joel Karliner to discuss this issue. K. Butter informed the Committee that the Academic Council Special Committee on Scholarly Communication (SCSC) is dealing with similar issues. Their recommendations are in a series of five White Papers currently up for review systemwide.
   - One discusses copyright issues, and recommends that faculty authors adopt the practice of granting to publishers non-exclusive copyright of their research results, while retaining copyright for other educational purposes, including placing work in open access online repositories.
• Two consider recommended best practices, from a faculty viewpoint, for journal and book publishers respectively.
• One considers the role of scholarly societies in publishing, and recommends changes in some societies so that they may better support development and dissemination of scholarly work in their discipline, and at more economical cost.
• The final paper recognizes that technology has made and will continue to make available new methods of publishing and presenting new knowledge.

D. Teitel urged consideration of not only new formats of publication but new types of peer-reviewed media, such as the HEAL initiative (Health Education Asset Library) for learning objects, in the discussions with CAP. The HEAL initiative is extremely beneficial, but in order to maximize its potential, credit must be given to contributors. One way to achieve this is through peer review. D. Teitel will discuss how best to recognize HEAL contributions with Dr. Karliner. K. Butter suggested having a demonstration of HEAL at the next meeting.

2. **The American Chemical Society (ACS) vs. Pub Chem.** At the September meeting, there was considerable discussion regarding the American Chemical Society’s efforts to shut down PubChem to protect their own income-producing Chemical Abstracts service. The Committee agreed to move forward on a Joint Taskforce with the Committee on Academic Freedom to strategize in light of ACS’ recent actions. Committee member F. Szoka agreed to represent the Committee along with K. Butter.

3. **The Blog Newsletter.** The Library has been distributing a blog newsletter to Library Committee members and others in the UCSF community. Committee members suggested it would be most beneficial if the email gave a few lines about each article before the link rather than just a link. This will make it easier for busy faculty members to focus on the stories most relevant to them. Few will click a link if they don’t know the item is of interest.

4. **The Scholarly Communications Website.** K. Butter reported that the site has been launched and she will forward the link to the Committee.

5. **Mt. Zion Subcommittee.** Chair Newman will resume A. Clarke’s place on the subcommittee. The Senate Analyst will schedule the meetings.

**Report from University Librarian – Karen Butter**

**Update on Library Space Planning.**

K. Butter updated the Committee on the progress of the Library Space Planning Group. As previously mentioned, the group submitted its report to the Executive Vice Chancellor (EVC) Gene Washington. The Parnassus Space Planning Group considered the report and recommendations and has requested that a more specific report dealing with exactly
how second floor space should be reappropriated and the implications/issues for the library. A smaller subcommittee was convened to respond to this latest request and their first meeting will occur later this month. Concurrently, library staff is analyzing the space occupied by library collections throughout the building in order to develop scenarios to relocate the 150,000 volumes on the second floor to other parts of the building or to the Regional Library Facility in Richmond. If we decide to store more materials in Richmond we would need to get approval from the Shared Library Facility Board for an exception to send more than the current 5,000 annual volumes. Recalling materials from the facilities is fairly easy (a turn around of about a day or two). Chair Newman suggested including questions about the use of library space in the proposed faculty survey.

Budget
K. Butter reported that she is currently working on what to propose in terms of the library budget for next year and will schedule a discussion in February or March. She was very appreciative of the Academic Senate support last year for the 1-time augmentation and will continue to work with the Committee on Library in time for the March budget discussions.

Presentation by Google – Google Scholar
Lastly, K. Butter distributed flyers for the upcoming presentation from Google on their new program, Google Scholar. The event will be held on January 25, 2006 at 10:00am in the Lange Room. The event will be available on the web within the next few weeks.

New Business
Scholarly Communications Series. (Attachment I)
K. Butter notified the Committee of the Library’s interest in holding a series of seminars focused on scholarly communications. UCLA and UCB have had successful whole-day sessions on this topic, attended by 100-200 people. She requested the Committee on Library co-sponsor the event and the Committee agreed. In discussing the format for the seminars Committee members thought that it was more difficult to attend individual seminars but a day-long event wouldn’t garner optimum attendance. Members suggested a three hour symposium in the late afternoon followed by a wine and cheese reception. F. Szoka suggested the series be streamed or put online. The committee also suggested that CAP should be invited to co-sponsor.

Faculty Survey (Attachment II)
The library has not surveyed faculty in some time so K. Butter requested some input after reminding the Committee that she wanted to keep the survey compact. Primarily, she wanted to know whether it is useful to do a survey, and if so, what do we want to ask? Members suggested including demographic data, what the faculty member is teaching, what they are researching, their primary location, and information about use of the library and ideas for improvements.

Digitization (Attachment III)
The Open Content Alliance was created, with UC as a founding partner, to digitize content so that it can be available to anyone. In looking at other national digitization efforts the concern is that materials funded with public money should remain in the public domain. As part of the OCA project the UCSF Library is analyzing its materials to identify material that is not too large but of sufficient quantity to be useful for research. R. Schneider pointed out the possibility of duplicative work occurring at other campuses and suggested bringing this up at UCOL so that the campuses can work together and avoid overlap. Additionally, J. Barker wanted to make sure the Committee was aware of some of the unintended consequences of digitizing, including the possibility that people would have less reason to come to universities that currently have exclusive access to the material.

There being no further business, Chair Newman adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.
# Meeting Attendance Record

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