The Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (COLASC) was called to order by Chair Schneider on April 8, 2010 at 10:20 a.m. in room CL-119. A quorum was present.

Minutes of the February 11, 2010 Meeting
The minutes of the February 11, 2010 minutes were unanimously approved.

Chair’s Report
Chari Rutherford quickly reviewed the six letters of the support for library space initiatives from the Academic Senate Committees on Rules and Jurisdiction, Academic Planning and Budget, Graduate Council, Educational Policy, Faculty Welfare, and Research.

University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (UCOLASC) Report
Vice Chair Schneider made these announcement regarding UCOLASC:
- The Committee has put together a response to the recommendations of the Gould Commission and hope to transmit this response to Chair Croughan by May 20. It will focus primarily on the sanctity of the library and scholarly communications.
- The Committee had a successful meeting with university librarians regarding budgets, consolidation of resources and subscriptions.

Report from the California Digital Library (CDL) – Ivy Anderson
Background
As director of collections, I. Anderson is responsible for coordinating subscriptions, licensing, shared print collections, and google digitizing initiatives across campuses.

Licensing
Last year, total licensing expenditures were approximately $36M (at UCSF, 75% of funds go towards licensing expenditures,) and to total expenditures on ejournals was $26.5M. Over the past few years, the CDL has been aggressively trying to reduce expenditures by 15% without sacrificing titles and have been moderately successful in doing so.
**Weighted Value Analysis**
The CDL is currently trying to get a representative usage metric for certain types of journals. One complicating issue is as Vice Chair Schneider pointed out, many people go back to the same article because they don’t save it on their hard drive. They are most likely unaware that this type of use increases rates. So, we either have to change our delivery system or change behavior.

**Nature Publishing Group (NPG) and the Current Challenges to Licensing**
Currently, NPG is proposing a 400% increase in subscription prices. They contend that cost-per-use still remains relatively low. Vice Chair Schneider commented that many at systemwide are ready to walk away from Nature because quadrupling rates is nearly criminal and activism may be required.

To that end, UCOLASC will be drafting a letter outlining how much UC spends, how difficult it is to negotiate, how much should be spent to procure a subscription and the resulting effect those parameters should have on the current negotiations with Nature. The letter will ask the faculty to consider various options including not publishing in Nature and/or not peer reviewing articles.

**Librarian’s Report**

**Budget**
The library has been trimming the budget by regionalization of certain functions, staff cuts and collection cuts. The annual operating budget is $6.5M and the permanent cuts will range from $1.193M to $1.333M.

**Mobile Apps**
By the end of April, the library will release some mobile apps for informational items such as library hours, the campus directory, shuttle schedule, news, etc.

**Teaching Learning Center**
Construction on the second floor and the Hearst Reading Room is progressing. Once renovated, the library will be able to have a 24-hour reading room which will hopefully open by the end of the year. UCPD will be on hand to routinely check IDs.

**Old Business**
None.

**New Business**
None.

There being no further business, Chair Rutherford adjourned the meeting at 11:39 a.m.