Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication
George Rutherford, MD, Chair

MINUTES
Thursday, December 10, 2009

PRESENT: R. Schneider (Vice Chair), L. Baxter-Lowe, C. Darling, L. Steinbach

ABSENT: D. Appollonio, D. Hudson, G. Rutherford

PERMANENT GUEST: Karen Butter, University Librarian; Melissa Shive, ASUC Representative

GUEST(S): Marcus Banks, LAUC Representative, Julia Kochi, Director of Digital Library and Collections

The Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (COLASC) was called to order by Vice Chair Schneider on December 10, 2009 at 10:10 a.m. in room CL-101. A quorum was not present.

Vice Chair’s Report
Vice Chair Schneider reported that at the last Academic Senate Coordinating Committee, Lori Yamauchi, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Campus Planning, gave a presentation on the UCSF Ten-Year Capital Financial Plan. After hearing nothing in the presentation regarding library space planning, he brought up the issue to the rest of the Committee. The Committee was very interested in library space and have invited Vice Chair Schneider to the March meeting to further discuss library space issues as well as give the Committee an overview of the issues surrounding the Google Books Settlement.

University Librarian’s Report
Master Plan for Mission Bay Libraries
K. Butter distributed the latest draft of the Master Plan for Mission Bay Libraries. Due to new academic and clinical programs, growth in student population, and increased opportunities for partnerships and collaboration, the Mission Bay library must expand. She distributed a draft cover letter to attach to the master plan to send through the Senate for their support.

Update on 24-hour Reading Room
In order to make the reading room a reality, the room will require compliant doors, and at least two male and two female bathrooms at a cost of approximately $300,000.00. The library is hoping to coordinate these efforts with the second floor construction in order to minimize costs. Also, Student Academic Affairs is contributing funds and a grant has been submitted to the Hearst Foundation.

Meeting with the Chancellor
In her meeting with the Chancellor, K. Butter gave a list of issues and priorities. They talked about student computing funding and Mission Bay Libraries. The Chancellor acknowledged that while education was not initially listed as one of her priorities, she has now amended her list to include education.

Budget
K. Butter reviewed the library budget cuts and the resultant reduction in library hours. The major closures will take place during the holidays. The intent is to extend hours during finals. The Committee again emphasized that reduction of hours are preferred over salary cuts as it is easier to extend library hours versus reinstating/rehiring staff. K. Butter pointed out that the students are very vocal about keeping the library open.

**Online Journal Cancellation Project – J. Kochi**

As reported at the October meeting, the UC libraries are undertaking a multi-year project to decrease expenditures spent on online journal packages. J. Kochi reviewed the five publisher packages that are being scrutinized: Wiley/Blackwell, Taylor and Francis, Informa Healthcare, Lippincott Williams and Wilkins, and Mary Ann Liebert. The goal of the project is to decrease expenditures by a total of 15% or approximately $1.2M.

K. Butter reiterated that we need to be creative in the way we make these cuts. Vice Chair Schneider added this shouldn’t just be an exercise budgeting – faculty need to be informed and routinely reminded that these journals are not available due to budget cuts. He also suggested getting input from faculty regarding 1) what articles they are downloading and paying for and 2) a ranking system letting faculty input how critical that particular article is.

**Google Books Settlement Update**

The second settlement is out and there is not as much controversy as the first settlement. There is much discussion of how UC can remain involved as we were not part of the settlement – only advisory. Vice Chair pointed out that since Google isn’t very informed on the issues surrounding scholarly work, that is where we can advise. Also, there is still widespread concern about ads. Publishers should not have the ability to pay to have their publications show up higher in the search results.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.

There being no further business, Vice Chair Schneider adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.