Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication
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MINUTES
Thursday, February 10, 2011

PRESENT: L. Baxter-Lowe (Chair), R. Schneider (Vice Chair), D. Apollonio, S. Bokser, E. Botvinick, K. Butter, R. Cucina, A. Dosanjh, J. Kochi, D. McGlothlin

ABSENT: S. Ho, B. Russell, M. Mizejewski, C. Darling

PERMANENT GUESTS: C. Darling

The Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (COLASC) by Vice Chair Schneider on February 10, 2011 at 10:05 a.m. in room CL 201. The minutes of October 14, 2010 were approved.

Chair’s Report
No report.

Vice Chair’s Report and Report from the University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (UCOLASC)
Agendas and minutes of UCOLAS meetings are be posted to the UCOLASC web page.

Vice Chair Richard Schneider, who also serves as Chair of UCOLASC, reported on continuing actions and discussions at the system-wide level, including an update of the California Digital Library’s (CDL) negotiations with the Nature Publishing Group (NPG). Documents relating to this ongoing negotiation are listed and linked on the Academic Senate web page dedicated to this issue (see senate.ucsf.edu>Issues Under Review).

Negotiations continue. Details are considered confidential and will not be noted in the minutes.

Vice Chair R. Schneider reported on advancing the issues of open access on campus. R. Schneider met with the Academic Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and began discussion on hosting a joint symposium on open access and the future of scholarly communication. Later today, Vice Chair Schneider will address the Committee on Faculty Welfare who will be joining the campus open access education effort on this campus from the perspective of faculty benefit and faculty copyrights.

During this push to change the model of scholarly communication, we do want to be careful not to undermine the good work of PLOS and PLOS Journals towards open access.

University Librarian’s Report
University Librarian K. Butter reported on the following items:

Space
  • The second floor Teaching and Learning Center opened January 18, and has received consistent high praise and hosted many tours.
• The Hearst Reading Room on the third floor is now open for Saturday use. Completion of the restroom and police station is expected next week and the overnight use should become available by the end of February.
• The fifth floor East Asian Room has been redesigned and reopened as a UCSF students-only study area.
• The Mission Bay Genentech Hall Library will close at the end of March and will be remodeled as a teaching lab.
• K. Butter will be serving on the UCSF Long Range Development Plan. The Library, COLASC, and the Academic Senate will continue to push for larger and dedicated library space at Mission Bay. Seth Bokser reiterated his idea to include industry partnership space and services in the library at Mission Bay which can be marketed and sold to industries eager to collaborate at UCSF and specifically in the library at Mission Bay. Library planning at Mission Bay should consider specifically the needs and character of Mission Bay beyond typical library use and needs.

Education
• Instructional grant proposals are due March 14.

Scholarly Communications
• Letter to Informa authors, regarding cancelation of the Informa Healthcare system-wide journal license. The Committee discussed modifying the language of the letter (as a teachable moment) to emphasize the time and effort that went into the negotiations, the prohibitive financial conditions, the consequences, and the impact of their exorbitant fees and cancelling the subscription. Regardless, the proposed doubling of fees (especially in this financial) climate, is unacceptable. It should be clearer that the information in these journals are valued but that they are not working in good faith in a fair and reasonable manner with the libraries to maintain access. The Committee also discussed adding a “click here” response-generating link to send a message to the publisher expressing dismay at their failure to work reasonably with libraries.
• UC Ranking in Open Access Newsletter as “Best of 2010”
• SPARC: Responses to Common Misconceptions about OA (see also http://www.arl.org/sparc/advocacy/campus/ and http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/newsletter/04-02-09.htm)

Old Business
None.

New Business
None.

Vice Chair Schneider adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m., at which point the Committee began a tour of the new Teaching and Learning Center.