Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication  
Lee Ann Baxter-Lowe, PhD, dipAPHI, Chair

MINUTES  
Thursday, April 7, 2011

PRESENT:    L. Baxter-Lowe (Chair), R. Schneider (Vice Chair), K. Butter, E. Botvinick, S. Ho, M. Mizejewski,

ABSENT:    D. Apollonio, S. Bokser, B. Russell, R. Cucina, A. Dosanjh, J. Kochi, D. McGlothlin,

PERMANENT GUESTS:    C. Darling

The Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (COLASC) by Vice Chair Schneider on April 7, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in room CL 201. The minutes of February 10, 2011 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 to 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), and the beginning negotiations with Science regarding an author/institution-fee model rather than a subscription model.

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

Vice Chair R. Schneider address the Committee on Faculty Welfare in February and with the Committee on Academic Freedom stand ready to support COLASC in their efforts to advance the open access model of publishing.

University Librarian’s Report  
University Librarian K. Butter reported to the Committee the status of the ongoing budget planning, including the 2009-2012 expected reductions in state funds. Total permanent cuts amount to $1,699,499, with an additional $294,665 in temporary cuts.

Operational Efficiencies will affect HR operations, pre- and post-awards management, and some library services. The Library will be able to eliminate one HR position and maybe one finance position. ITS will now manage the library network and upgrade the library wireless network. Desktop computer systems are expected to transition to virtual desktops in FY 11-12, and virtualized Library servers will be relocated to 654 Minnesota.
The COLASC stands ready to assist the Library as it can, however at this point there is no clear action to take. If at any point it appears that the Library’s cuts are disproportionate to other campus units, COLASC will advocate on behalf of the Library.

K. Butter reported on the importance of preserving staff for educational programs as changes are made to address the budget reductions. This may need defending in the future. K. Butter met with the student representative to address some student concerns, including concerns of budget cuts closing library space and reducing hours.

Chair Baxter-Lowe proposed sending an e-mail to the faculty with bullet points highlighting the actions that have been taken in response to budget reduction. The goals are to inform the faculty reduced services and invite suggestions for further reductions required for the an additional 9% reduction in the budget. K. Butter and Julia Kochi will work on drafting a hyperlinked memo which will be sent out in cooperation with the Senate Office.

K. Butter provided a written report and status update regarding space, services and resources (Attachment 1). Of particular notes is library space planning for students and student study areas on Parnassus and at Mission Bay. The Hearst Reading Room is now open, and while the library at Mission Bay has closed some space has been designated as “study hall” space for student use.

The campus has begun its long range planning process again and K. Butter is serving on the Education Committee of the Long Range Development Planning Group.

K. Butter reported on the Executive Vice Chancellor’s Initiative, being led by Joe Castro and Karen Butter, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs, to create an “Education Commons” in the Library. It is important to retain the commitment to research and clinical care functions of the library, in addition to the other core goals of teaching and education. Library space and services need to preserve their dedication to providing study and working space for faculty and students.

K. Butter and M. Mizejewski reported on the new mobile website (website designed for access from mobile devices) for the library, adding campus maps and other mobile resources.

K. Butter also reported on the recent ruling regarding the Google Books settlement.

**Old Business**
None.

**New Business**
None.

Chair Baxter-Lowe adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.