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

MINUTES
Thursday, October 14, 2010

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

ABSENT: R. Cucina, A. Dosanjh, S. Ho, D. Apollonio, D. McGlothlin, B. Russell

PERMANENT GUESTS: C. Darling, J. Kochi

The Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (COLASC) by Chair Baxter-Lowe on October 14, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in room CL 119. A quorum was present.

The minutes of June 10, 2010 were approved with corrections.

Chair’s Report
Chair Baxter-Lowe, Chair of UCSF COLASC and the divisional representative to UCOLASC, welcomed the Committee for the 2010-2011 academic year and review the charge and goals of the Committee.

Report from the University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (UCOLASC)
Vice Chair Richard Schneider, who also serves as Chair of UCOLASC, reported on 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).

The Committee discussed at length the issues of serials subscriptions and various possible shifts in the financial models or scholarly publishing.

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Vice Chair Schneider also suggested revising the Committee bylaws to better reflect the scholarly communication aspect of the Committee’s mission and activities.

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

• State funding reductions and cuts to the Library’s budget over the past three years (Attachment 1) and expectations for the near future considering campus expense reductions, the operational excellence initiative and gift expectations. Chair Baxter-Lowe tied these cuts to the substantial reduction in Library services and resources which are essential to the mission of the University. Specifically, the severe reduction in Library hours and reductions to the collection. Eliminations in the periodical subscriptions are noted on the web site and in Library communications.
Chair Baxter-Lowe offered the Committee’s support in advocating for the Library’s budget and resources and as guided by K. Butter will take action as the opportunity arises.

- Proposed draft Food and Drink Policy for the UCSF libraries (Attachment 2) for discussion. Concerns were raised regarding the impact of food on pest issues, preservation of the academic atmosphere and the Library as library space, and management/enforcement of which sorts of food are allowable. The Library investigated installing a coffee bar in the past and it is not financially feasible to do so.

- Development of Key Library Resources for Faculty (Attachment 3).

- Space issues, ongoing library construction, the Mission Bay library space and the new Teaching and Learning Center on the Parnassus campus. Students are still calling for a 24-hour study space at Mission Bay and K. Butter has reiterated this demand to the office of campus planning and this could lead to a renewed discussion regarding a greater library presence and space allocation at Mission Bay. The Kalmovitz Library is now closed on Saturdays (due to budget cuts) but some space is going to be made available for students’ use on Saturdays, and it is hoped to have some 24/7 space for students on this campus by next year.

The importance of Library space at the growing Mission Bay was stressed. S. Bokster suggested perhaps charging for visitor’s access to the biotech companies in the Mission Bay area. This idea was supported by K. Butter who will investigate the possibility.

- Julia Kochi, Director of the Digital Library, reviewed Open Access publishing and the upcoming “Open Access Week” of events at UCSF to educate the campus and advocate for Open Access (Attachment 4). A discussion on Open Access followed.

**Open Access and Faculty Copyrights: A Joint Symposium with the Academic Senate Committee on Academic Freedom**

Academic Senate Analyst Shilpa Patel, who recently assumed the responsibilities for the Academic Senate Committee on Academic Freedom (AF), led the Committee in a discussion regarding COLASC and FW hosting a joint symposium regarding faculty copyright and open access venues for faculty dissemination of creative activity. COLASC has long sought to educate the faculty on both of these important issues and the Committee on Faculty Welfare is interested in taking up this cause as well, and has suggested a joint effort to host a symposium for UCSF faculty on this topic in the spring of 2011, and participating in the next Open Access week in October 2011.

Vice Chair Schneider will be meeting with the Chair of Faculty Welfare later today to explore cooperation opportunities to advocate for Open Access.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.

There being no further business, Chair Baxter-Lowe adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

**Analyst’s Note:**

Additional information and educational materials regarding academic serials publishing and subscription costs to academic libraries are available online via the American Library Association’s Issues & Advocacy website. Of particular interest is the section on Access to Information, and even a June 2000 article calling for the necessary change to the system of scholarly communication.