Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication
Russell Cucina, MD, MS Chair

MINUTES
Thursday, March 20, 2014

PRESENT: Russ Cucina (Chair), Paul Blanc, Wu Li, Victoria Keeton, Raga Ramachandran

PERMANENT GUESTS: Karen Butter, University Librarian; Polina Ilieva, LAUC Representative

GUESTS: Cynthia Darling, Peggy Tahir, MLIS, MA, Education & Copyright Librarian; Megan Laurance, Ph.D., Research Informationist

The Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (COLASC) was called to order by Chair Cucina on March 20, 2014 at 9:07 a.m. in room CL 201. A quorum was present.

Minutes of the February 20, 2014 Meeting
Due to a lack of quorum at the February 20, 2014 meeting, there were no minutes for approval.

Chair’s Report
Chair Cucina had these announcements:

Update on Chancellor’s Search
• President Napolitano met with the Academic Senate to receive input on the Chancellor search. The meeting was very well attended.
• Chair Cucina used his time to advocate for continued financial support for the Library as well as the Open Access movement.

March 3, 2014 Coordinating Committee
• The sale of Laurel Heights is finalized; occupants have four years until having to move elsewhere. UCSF also purchased two lots at Mission Bay, with plans to put up two buildings and a parking garage.
• “Climate Survey” results will be released in March; close to half of all faculty and a third of all staff considered leaving UCSF in the past year.
• President Napolitano is setting up a challenge grant program for junior faculty who are having trouble getting NIH funding.
• A discussion of a planned increase in the UCSF fees/taxes on gifts/endowments occupied most of the meeting. The Administration plans to maintain the initial tax of 4% of the value of the gift/endowment when it is received, and to increase the fee that is taken every time funds are expended from the gift/endowment from 1% to 6%. This will result in reduced support for research support and teaching. Faculty had advocated for existing gifts/endowments to be exempt, but that was overruled, although the decision has not been finalized. Committee members discussed various options for trying to raise awareness.

Full minutes from the March 3, 2014 Coordinating Committee can be found here.

Report from the University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (UCOLASC)
Chair Cucina gave the following summary of February 21, 2014 UCOLASC meeting on behalf of Vice Chair McDaniel:

- Discussion of the Library’s role in providing infrastructure needed to support online education at UC, focused mainly on undergraduate institutions.
- Consultation with Bill Jacob, chair of the Academic Senate, focused mainly on Regents’ interest in expanding online education, which they believe will save UC money. There was also some discussion of state funding for UC, which will increase slightly; however, libraries will not receive any additional funds beyond mandatory cost increases.
- The meeting with University Librarians focused mainly on Open Access, data sharing, and Elsevier negotiations.
- The Northern Regional Library Facility located in Richmond and stores Library materials will fill up in 2017. There are no funds to build additional facilities.

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University Librarian’s Report
K. Butter had these announcements:

Updated Copyright Policy for Review
K. Butter distributed the updated policy for review. A response is due by May 23rd.

SCOPUS Overview
P. Tahir gave the committee an overview of the SCOPUS database. Scopus is available from the UCSF Library on a trial basis through the end of 2014. Scopus allows researchers to see who has cited their work in the past, and to follow new citations going forward by setting up alerts through email or RSS. It allows research officers to develop a profile of UCSF research output, both for specific years and over time. This is a product from Elsevier. This database contains over 21,000 journals. It tracks, analyzes, and visualizes results. (Attachment 1)

Committee input included:
- COLASC should get involved in disseminating this information.
- Faculty need to know about this trial and encouraged to use it in order to determine whether or not this is a useful tool.
- This needs to be prominent on the Library website.
- P. Blanc suggested a formal press release and queried whether the Library has a dedicated PR person. K. Butter will inquire.

Library-based Data Management and Data Sharing Services
M. Laurence gave a presentation regarding data management and sharing. (Attachment 2) As attitudes and policies around data management and data sharing are changing, the Library is working to meet the growing need for data management services within the UCSF research community.

Open Access (OA) Decision Tree
The OA Decision Tree is still in progress.

Old Business
- Library Endowment Campaign. P. Blanc would like this to be a future agenda item. He suggested forming an advisory committee.
- 150 Years UCSF Celebration. The proposed exhibit was funding and the Library is currently working with exhibit directors. The largest exhibit will be housed in the Library. There will be several smaller exhibits such as SFO and potentially joint exhibits with the Academy of Sciences and the Exploratorium. There will also be some traveling exhibits. Chair Cucina continued to advocate utilizing the free city-wide banners.

New Business
None.
There being no further business, Chair Cucina adjourned the meeting at 10:31am.