Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication

Russell Cucina, MD, MS Chair

MINUTES

Thursday, May 15, 2014

PRESENT: Russ Cucina (Chair), Patricia McDaniel (Vice Chair), Paul Blanc, Jeffrey Bush, Wu Li, Saunak Sen

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

GUESTS: Cynthia Darling, Anneliese Taylor, Assistant Director, Scholarly Communications and Collections, UCSF Library

The Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (COLASC) was called to order by Chair Cucina on May 15, 2014 at 9:07 a.m. in room CL 201. A quorum was present.

Minutes of the March 20, 2014 Meeting

The minutes were approved (attachment 1).

Chair’s Report

Chair Cucina had these announcements:

UC Press Initiative for Open Access Journal Series

- UC Press is considering an initiative to publish an online journal series.
- A member suggested that the committee contact Dean Elizabeth Watkins and Brian Dolan to discuss this topic.
- Chair Cucina will invite UC Press Director of Digital Business Development, Neil Christenson to attend the June meeting.
Report from the Coordinating Committee and the University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (UCOLASC)

Vice Chair McDaniel gave the following summary of the April 7 and May 5, 201 Coordinating Committee (CC) meetings and the April 18, 2014 UCOLASC meeting:

• EVC&P Jeffrey Bluestone attended the CC to discuss the proposed changes to the Gift & Endowment Tax. All Senate proposed modifications were turned down. The issue continues to be discussed.
• The proposed amendments to Senate Bylaw 55 which would allow non-Senate faculty to vote on Senate matters was denied at the systemwide level.
• The results from the systemwide Climate survey have been reported. 76% of all faculty, staff, and students are comfortable or very comfortable with the campus climate.
• UCOLASC is drafting on an Open Access Decision Tree.

Full minutes from the April 18, 2014 UCOLASC meeting can be found here. Full minutes from the April 7 and May 5 Coordinating Committee can be found here.

University Librarian’s Report

K. Butter had these announcements:

Collections Budget (See attachment 2 for additional information)

• AVC Butter met with EVC&P Jeffrey Bluestone and discussed ideas for additional funding. The University’s collections budget has not increased over the past several years. EVC&P Bluestone recommended that AVC Butter work with the Senate to draft a proposal.
• The cost of journal subscriptions increases about 6% per year and new journals are established every year.
• The campus’ population continues to increase and subscription costs are often based on population size.
• UCSF’s collections budget is much less than comparable institutions.
• EVC Butter expressed concern that the growth of the number of publications puts additional stress on the university. Faculty are asked to serve on editorial boards. Institutions pay for the new subscriptions. Although members recognized this concern, they felt that the real issue is the lack of collection funds.
• EVC Butter and Chair Cucina will draft a collections budget resolution/proposal for the full committee to review at the next meeting.

University of California Policy on Copyright and Fair Use

• The committee discussed the updated policy. The new version removes descriptive text from the policy and relocates it to a website. The actual policy has not changed.
• The revision has been vetted by legal counsel.
• The modifications aim to provide a liberal interpretation of the policy.
• The committee did not object to the proposed changes and did not have any comments to forward to systemwide.

Open Access (OA) Decision Tree and Workflow Document
• Anneliese Taylor, Assistant Director, Scholarly Communications and Collections, UCSF Library, presented the draft Open Access (OA) Decision Tree and Workflow Document. The intention is that the documents will be distributed systemwide.
• Some members were concerned that the decision tree made the process appear complicated.
• Members discussed the necessary level of detail.

Committee members provided the following suggestions:
  o Increase the size (or bold) of the font and modify the colors for easier readability
  o Instead of printing a caveat for UCSF in the “No Deposit” box, a separate version of the flyer should be distributed at UCSF
  o Include the e-scholarship link to the ‘Exercise Your Rights” document
  o Include the FAQ link to the decision tree document

Old Business

COLASC will discuss the following issues at its next meeting.

• The future of the Mt. Zion libraries and collections
• Collection endowment for the library

New Business

Supporting Online Education

AVC Butter gave a presentation on “Supporting Online Education: Library Services and Initiatives”. (See attachment 3)

• The Library offers many learning technology services including, but limited to tech clinics, e-learning support, digitization and scanning services, and equipment rental.
• UCSF offers free online courses through Coursera, a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC). The courses are free, but students would have to pay if they wished to receive a certificate.

There being no further business, Chair Cucina adjourned the meeting at 10:29 am.