Communication from the Chair of the Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication

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Paul Green, Chair
Committee on Faculty Welfare

David Teitel, Chair
Committee on Academic Planning and Budget

Howard Pollick, Chair
Committee on Educational Policy

RE: Statement on the Need for an Increase in the UCSF Library Budget for Journals, Databases and Book

Dear Chair Green, Chair Teitel, and Chair Pollick,

At its last meeting on the 26th of June 2014, the San Francisco Division of the Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (COLASC) reviewed and voted in favor of the following resolution:

Whereas:

• The budget for library materials for not increased for several years
• The cost of health science journals increased by 31% between 2008 – 2012
• The price of health science journals increases at 6% per year
• The number of new peer reviewed journals published annually grows at 3%
• UCSF’s use of online journals is significantly greater than its share of the cost for UC consortial pricing

• There has been a 64% growth in UCSF academic staff over the past 8 years

• Competitor institutions have significantly larger collection budgets for their health sciences libraries: Stanford is larger by 123%; UNC by 79%; Johns Hopkins by 111%; University of Chicago by 137%

Therefore: the Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication

• Calls on the Academic Senate to recommend an increase in the budget for Library materials of $500,000 per year.

COLASC would appreciate any comments and concerns you would be willing to share before the resolution is forwarded to Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Jeffrey Bluestone. Please let us know if your committee chooses not to opine.

Yours truly,

UCSF Academic Senate Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication

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