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

MINUTES
Thursday, September 26, 2013

PRESENT: Russell Cucina (Chair), Patricia McDaniel (Vice Chair), Jeff Bush, Gwen Essex, Victoria Keeton

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

GUESTS: Cynthia Darling, Sunita Ho, Jim Munson, Director, Administration, Access and Delivery, UCSF Library; Anneliese Taylor, Assistant Directory, Scholarly Communications and Collections, UCSF Library

The Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (COLASC) was called to order by Chair Cucina on September 26, 2013 at 9:03 a.m. in room CL 201. A quorum was present.

Minutes of the March 21, 2013 Meeting
The minutes of the June 20, 2013 meeting were approved as amended. (Appendix 1)

Chair’s Report
Chair Cucina conducted introductions, reviewed the charge of the Committee and led the group in a discussion of priorities for the year:

Open Source Textbooks
At the system-wide level, there is a shift towards online education – a shift that is supported by the legislature. Given this shift, there is dialogue regarding the relevance of textbooks. Textbooks are very expensive and somewhat archaic. In order to explore more sustainable models, the academics of the state will come together to author textbooks that will be freely available. California State University (CSU) has been tasked with creating ten open source textbooks. K. Butter noted that UC is beginning to examine this; however, the current focus is at the undergraduate level. She suggested that it may be pertinent to have this discussion regarding the health professions in the future as this issue is relevant from a purchasing perspective and how education can be supported overall.

Ostensibly, these textbooks would be available to anyone as that is consistent with our open access mission. However, this raises the similar question that is faced with the publishing of journals in that while faculty generate income authoring textbooks, they also review chapters and subsequently have to pay for access to the content. S. Sen commented that the income is not great, yet the price of the textbooks is exorbitant. He would rather see the information be distributed widely.

Mission Bay Activity-Based Workspace. This is a contentious issue as many faculty are concerned about the impact lack of private office space may have on privacy and recruitment. What role can and should COLASC take in terms of workspace and student study space? K. Butter noted that in terms of library/study space, 2500 square feet have been allotted. She will bring detailed floor plans and the vision for these spaces at a future meeting. Chair Cucina agreed that as advocates for the library and the purposes it serves, COLASC should
remain vigilant and offer as much oversight as possible. As people move to Mission Bay, there is going to be increased need for library space. Less for traditional library functions, but more for computer access and space to relax. There is currently not adequate space for those functions.

**Monitoring the Use and Accessibility of Open Access (OA).** The California Digital Library (CDL) has worked extensively to implement the policy in the most usable way so that faculty can comply with the policy. Because UCSF passed its own OA policy ahead of system-wide UC, we have taken a leadership role in implementation. Chair Cucina tasked COLASC to continue in this role by gathering information and data from our colleagues. Since we are a diverse committee representing all schools and clinicians and basic scientists alike, we need to be a place to receive all of this varying input. K. Butter acknowledged Anneliese Taylor’s tremendous work in implementing the UCSF policy and working with the CDL and the publishers. The CDL is working on the eScholarship site. We need to continue to solicit feedback and work with the CDL. In terms of compliance, there is going to be a push in the next month to get deposits into eScholarship because up until now, we’ve been focused on the mechanism that CDL built to generate waivers required by the publishers. Now the interface is going to be rebuilt so that it will be a much easier process. The three campuses that will be piloting this are UCSF, UCLA, and UCI. The next step will be a harvesting tool – a bibliographic repository to harvest metadata from UC authors. The goal is to build a mechanism for authors to connect with one another in an effort to make the process less cumbersome.

**Committee Input on Issues to Address in the 2013-14 Year**

- J. Bush recently learned that there is a lot of software available through the library. He suggested that it would be helpful to inform people working in labs of these resources. K. Butter remarked that the library is working on that and suggested that Megan Laurence, Research Informationalist, who has been working on this issue, present to COLASC. Chair Cucina raised the question of site licenses between the various campuses and how that might be an issue. As a faculty member, would he have access to all of these resources regardless of campus? K. Butter acknowledged that there is no central repository and different entities on campuses source and recharge in different ways. It is a complicated problem and she suggested creating an index to determine inventory.

- S. Sen expressed interest in a continued dialogue regarding textbooks. In his view, there is a gray line between textbooks and online courses. This is clearly a much bigger deal at the undergraduate campuses, and after the first UCOLAC meeting in October, Vice Chair McDaniel will likely have more information.

- S. Ho would like more information on Coursera and the online education movement. K. Butter informed the group that while initially there was funding from the EVCP, going forward, there was no indication of what the cost would be. Three courses were launched and the cost was upwards of $60K. The hope is to reduce cost as there is still some struggle in regards to what is the best business model. In terms of the fall, there will be a series of eight new courses this year. The number of students is staggering – anywhere from 50K – 200K. Assignments and grading are another challenging aspect.

- K. Butter informed the group that when journal and database subscriptions may be up for cancellation, this committee advises the Library on how to balance one subscription over another.

- Analyst Patel gave an overview of the charge and Senate process in terms of other committees, what COLASC is generally tasked to opine on, and how to work with other committees. In the past, COLASC worked with APB to lobby for Chancellor’s Discretionary funds. In terms of online education, this would be an opportunity to partner with the Committee on Education Policy.

- The Committee expressed a need for call-in options, be it WebEx, Blue Jeans, Movi, or Jabber.
Librarian’s Report – K. Butter
K. Butter and her staff gave updates on LibQual, Open Access Week, TLC (Teaching and Learning Center) Day, and the Open Access Fund. (Appendix 2)

Update on LibQual – J. Munson
The UCSF library distributed a national library survey to the campus in April 2013. The survey was designed to solicit user opinions about library services. J. Munson presented the results (Appendix 3). The key takeaways are:
1. In general, we are doing fine in comparison to other institutions.
2. Respondents were more impressed with the space and less impressed with services.
4. For faculty, information control was the primary issue. Many expressed that this is the main area where the library is not meeting basic needs.

Open Access Week
Open Access Week is a global event, now in its 6th year, promoting Open Access as a new norm in scholarship and research. The Library is planning events for Open Access Week, October 21 – 27, 2013. More information can be found here.

Open Access Fund – A. Taylor
An Open Access fund is a pool of money set aside by an institution specifically to reimburse article processing or membership fees for articles published by members of the institution in open-access journals. The goal of any open access fund is to support publication models that enable free, immediate, online distribution of, and access to, scholarly research.

At our institution, pure OA journals will be covered up to $2K and hybrid journals will be covered up to $1500. K. Butter added that there is discussion regarding funding for UC librarians to attain funds to study external article processing charges. Right now, publications are getting subscription fees and article processing charges. She emphasized that we really need to study where OA is headed, how it will impact us in the future and what this means for subscriptions.

More information on Campus Open Access funds can be found at the SPARC website.

Teaching and Learning Center Day (TLC) Day
UCSF Teaching and Learning Center (TLC) will be holding TLC Day on Thursday, October 24th, from 9:00am - 5:00pm. TLC Day will feature workshops on topics including Conducting Mannequin-Based Simulations, Video Collaboration Made Easy, Moodle 2 Tips and Tricks, Presenting with an iPad, and many more. More information can be found here.

Old Business
None.

New Business
None.

There being no further business, Chair Cucina adjourned the meeting at 10:31am.