## COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY

## 1999-2000 ANNUAL REPORT

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The Committee met four times during the 1999-2000 academic year at which a quorum was present, under the leadership of Chair Christoph Schreiner and Vice Chair Jorge Oksenberg, on issues concerning the administration of library policies.

### Northern Library Storage Facility

To address the issue of limited storage space for approximately 5,000 books per year, and in anticipation of a bond measure needed to expand the existing storage facility, the Committee concurred that UCSF should continue to use the Northern Library Storage Facility. The southern library facility would only be used if no other alternative were possible. Discussion continued with the possibility that a research project will be funded to test the storage of one paper copy in either the northern or southern facility for journals that are available in electronic format. Campus will have the option to select how to participate in this project, a topic for discussion with next year's library committee.

### Potential Replacement Of Melvyl

Consideration was given to a campuswide plan to find a replacement system for Melvyl, the electronic catalogue for books and journals. Laine Farley, of the California Digital Library, led a Steering Committee to initiate a Request for Proposals process that would assess the capability of vendors to meet the functional requirements, and high standards of Melvyl. The Steering Committee solicited feedback and opinions from the campus community, held a forum in January 2000 and posted a survey on the web. Based upon functional requirements specified by faculty, staff and students, an RFP was developed. Responses from vendors are due in August 2000. Implementation will begin in July 2001.

### Mission Bay

At the December 1999 meeting, Zach Hall, Vice Chancellor for Research Affairs, presented the Committee with an extensive update on the Library floor plan for Building 24 at Mission Bay. Discussion continued throughout the year interconnecting principles to guide planning for information technology. Issues raised by the Committee included the need for tech support on-site; participation by Library Committee members in focus groups conducted by Steve Barclay and with on-going planning; digital access for journals; potential partnerships with the new campus and other organizations that could support Library planning.

The library at Mission Bay in Building 24 is not intended to be a full-service, full-scale library but is intended to serve the needs of those moving in the first phase.  Funding a central library facility is a concern, since space is limited, and it is difficult to determine how to move forward, as much depends on how many collections will be available electronically.  More information will be available once Phase I is completed.  The Committee also participated in the design of the Community Center Library.  This facility will also have limited paper collections with emphasis placed on electronic access and study space.  This Library will support a small computing classroom for use by others on the Mission Bay Campus including the Conference facility.

## Scholarly Communications

UCSF Library staff worked with CDL and UCSF faculty, to explore models for scholarly communication.  The eScholarship initiative is a new program from the Office of the President that focuses on using digital technologies to create UC supported electronic publications and services.  During the year three focus groups were scheduled on the UCSF campus with faculty who serve as senior editors of major journals to understand the issues and opportunities for their discipline and society in this area.  During the discussion efforts were made to understand how to transition to a solely electronic format, how to address issues of integrity and security and peer review.  As a first step, the CDL made available the physics e-print server from Los Alamos.  Additionally, CDL is working with other interested societies to design systems that meet the needs of their members.

## Copyright

The University worked with Assemblyman Bill Romero on AB-1773 on legislation that addressed property and copyright ownership.  A University copyright committee was appointed to identify discrepancies between the University and the faculty on copyright ownership. This committee was just formed in spring 2000 so its work will carry into the next year.  Another important systemwide committee that addresses a broad range of concerns, including copyright and library issues, is the Systemwide Library and Scholarly Information Advisory Committee.  Lisa Bero was appointed to this committee to represent San Francisco and will be asked to make regular reports to the Library Committee over the next year.

## Journal Requests

The Library Committee recommended a budget increase of $12,000 for new subscriptions for next year.  Approximately half that amount would pay for subscriptions in social and behavioral sciences and the other half for general titles.  This amount will be included in the Library's 2000-2001 budget request.  The recommended increase resulted from a Committee review of new journal purchases in the social and behavioral sciences prepared in response to concerns from the WASC accreditation report last year.  The Committee also discussed the impact of new academic programs and the need to add journals in

these areas. Of concern to the Library is the issue that no new funds come to the library with new or expanded academic programs though frequently these require new resources.

## *Development Of The Digital Library*

Throughout the year library staff worked closely with CDL and publishers to license a significant number of digital journals, many of which are not available in paper in the UCSF Library collection. Faculty now have access to more than 4,000 online journals. Cooperatively, we have electronic licenses to the majority of top health sciences journals. To respond to concerns of faculty about remote access to these materials the library developed a proxy service. This is an interim strategy until the systemwide authentication certificate system is implemented.

To continue to extend digital library services to offsite locations, the CDL released a new service called Request. Jacqueline Wilson, Manger of Information Public Services for the Library, demonstrated the "Article Request" service that will enable registered users to request journal articles while searching the CDL article databases. The feature was designed to conveniently deliver information out to the campus using the web version of the California Digital Library databases. The Committee noted that the San Francisco Chronicle highlighted the UCSF Library web page as being one of the "Best of Web". The article cited the "Cigarette Papers" as an example of an informative offering.

Richard Lucier, Director of the CDL presented to the Committee on the status of the CDL. Among the original visions was to create a comprehensive system for management of scholarly communications that included generation and publication, as well as access and use. The CDL is now working with faculty in a variety of disciplines and societies including UCSF, to explore different models for scholarly communication. The first eScholarship initiative is University ePub, a program from the Office of the President that focuses on using digital technologies to create UC supported electronic publications and services. As a first step, the CDL will make available the physics e-print server from Los Alamos.

Another project that was discussed related to the issues around digital archiving for paper and digital publications. An experiment funded by the Mellon Foundation would serve to examine space and resource issues for journals in paper and electronic formats as well as to determine how faculty would respond to not having paper journals. Efforts are being made to better understand how to transition to a solely electronic format (for some journals). Currently at UCSF, some journals are already only available electronically.

Issues that were expressed by committee members were those of integrity, security, the resolution of the image that appears when a journal is viewed electronically, and what is the criteria that is being used to determine which journals the UCSF library keeps and which go into storage. The issue of Medline access was also raised. Discussions are taking place with the National Library of Medicine regarding access to Medline through PubMed, rather than through the traditional Melvyl Medline, thus allowing for costs savings but a significant increase in functionality.

## *Proxy Service*

The Library implemented a library web proxy service to provide the campus with remote access to licensed; web-based, electronic Library resources via any Internet access service provider.  All currently licensed materials, except those with specific restrictions, are available through the proxy server.  This service is simple to install and works with high-speed digital lines.

## *Editor's Forum*

Karen Butter reported on the Editor's Forum, which was established, to foster scholarly Communication among faculty who are senior editors of scholarly journals.  77 campus faculty were invited to attend a round-table discussion; half attended 1of 3 sessions.  Agenda items included improving scholarly communication through e-scholarships, and peer review. Significant differences were noted among the disciplines, as well as commonalties. Discussion focussed on the readiness of society to move forward, the economic model, addressing faculty needs and interests, and a general lack of knowledge of access to electronic journals.

## *University Librarian Search*

 Karen Butter served as Acting University Librarian for the academic year 1999-2000, as the search continues to appoint a new Librarian.  The Search Committee, chaired by Cliff Attkisson, interviewed candidates throughout the year.

## *Bylaws*

In the new year, the Committee will conduct a review of the Bylaws for Library Committee for potential changes regarding expansions or duties and duration of membership.

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