



Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication
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Primary Focus Points for the Year:

- Repurposing of the Library
- NIH Publishing Mandate
- Library Security
- Committee Name Change
- Mission Bay Library

Issues for Next Year (2008-2009)

- Open Access Policy
- Open Access Symposium
- Library Space

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Number of Meetings: 7

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Systemwide Business

The Academic Senate Committee on Library took up the following Systemwide issues this year:

Open Access Policy

UCOLASC announced that even though the last attempt at producing an Open Access Policy failed, the University Committee would try to reformulate the policy. The policy as proposed last year recommended a mechanism by which UC would negotiate collectively with commercial publishers to ensure that faculty scholarship is placed on the Web in an open access repository. One of the consistent criticisms made in the systemwide Senate review of the policy was that the requirement for faculty to “opt-out” of a default open access obligation presented a burden. Reviewers also felt that faculty should not be on the front end of negotiations with publishers. The proposal will now be reformulated as a strongly encouraged “opt-in” policy. COLASC, in favor of such a policy, will continue to find ways to better inform the faculty about their rights under this type of policy. The goal is to hold a symposium discussing the future of open access, scholarly communication, and other initiatives around journal publishing. The Committee also hopes to use this forum to inform faculty about their publishing rights and how such a policy could potentially benefit them.

Review of Library Budgets

After its December meeting, UCOLASC requested data about funding for UC libraries and scholarly communication infrastructure as it relates to faculty FTE to help make more reasoned recommendations about library and scholarly communication issues as well as help individual faculty evaluate specific publishing options on a cost/benefit basis. UCOP responded with data calculating the ratios of total library expenditures as well as materials and binding-only expenditures per faculty FTE by campus and in total for both tenure-track faculty and all faculty. *The data indicated that UCB allocates the most money per FTE on library expenditures, while UCSF spends the least.* The Committee expressed concern over this disparity and has requested more data so that a formal response can be generated.

Divisional Business

This year, the Academic Senate Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication took up the following issues related to the San Francisco Division:

Library Security

COLASC continued to monitor issues related to security at the library. A proxcard system, consistent with other buildings on Parnassus, has been installed on the perimeter doors as well as the 2nd floor Interactive Learning Center. The proxcards have not yet been activated as the policies for use are still being drafted. Campus Police and University Counsel are working together to control disruptive users.

NIH Publishing Mandate/Open Access

As of April 7, 2008, scientists receiving grant money from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) must submit copies of their research papers to PubMed Central (PMC) when those papers are accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal. PMC will then make the papers freely available to the public within 12 months of publication.

COLASC, working with the Library, identified and reviewed the journals where UCSF faculty most frequently publish and to identify the PubMed Central submission policies for those journals. ([Appendix 1](#)). The Committee also gave input to the Library’s website dealing with the mandate: <http://www.library.ucsf.edu/research/scholcomm/nih.html>. The web page is constantly being updated with new information to help researchers deal with the practicalities of compliance.

Mission Bay Library

In April, COLASC learned the the Genentech Hall library is being considered for repurposed use as a laboratory teaching facility. The Committee expressed their concerns that library user needs have not been taken into sufficient consideration in ongoing deliberations regarding the repurposing of the space. ([Appendix 2](#))

In addition to its daytime operations, the library at Genentech Hall receives a great deal of after hour usage from students living in housing at Mission Bay (MB). This is important because there exist few safe and convenient places to study at MB. The MB campus is isolated and there are no of campus coffee houses or bookstores open in the MB neighborhood. Currently, 177 students have received MBGH proxy card access, which permits them to enter after hours. The top five after-hours groups of professional and graduate student users include Pharmacy, Dentistry, Biochemistry, MP, and Physiology.

Last year, there was a 17% increase in the use of Mission Bay Library facilities. During the same period, after-hours use of Genentech Hall Library increased by 41%. The increase correlates with the growth in student population at Mission Bay – both graduate students working in research labs and professional school students living in Mission Bay housing. Student affairs directors in the professional schools indicate that the library facilities, including 24 hour access to the Genentech Hall Library, is a major reason students choose to live in Mission Bay housing.

Accordingly, COLASC recommended that current library space remain in the control of the Library as is consistent with the original intent of the UC strategic plan -- to provide a nurturing environment for education at the MB campus.

Going Forward

Ongoing issues under review or actions which the Committee will continue into 2008-2009:

Budget Cuts

The Committee will continue to assist the Library in prioritizing needs and services in preparation for the impending budget cuts.

Town Hall/Symposium

COLASC hopes to continue its leadership role regarding Open Access initiatives by sponsoring a multi-campus symposium similar to the one the Library held for the campus community late last year.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Top Ten UCSF Journals

Appendix 2: May 15, 2008 Communication Regarding Repurposing of the Mission Bay Library