



**Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication**  
**Lee Ann Baxter-Lowe, PhD, Chair**

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

### **2010-2011**

**Primary Focus Points for the Year:**

- CDL and UCOLASC Negotiations with Nature Publishing Group
- Ongoing Budget Cuts
- Review of the Interim Report of the System-wide Library Planning Task Force

**Issues for Next Year (2011-2012)**

- Continued Subscription Negotiations with Publishers
- Continued Education and Advocacy for an Open Access Policy and Alternative Methods of Publishing

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**2009-2010 Members**

**Lee Ann Baxter-Lowe, Chair**  
**Richard Schneider, Vice Chair**  
Seth Bokser  
Elias Botvinick  
Russ Cucina  
Sunita Ho  
Bel Russell

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**Ex-Officio Members**

Karen Butter, University Librarian  
Michaele Mizejewski, Librarians Association of UC  
Keshav Khanijow, Associated Students of UCSF

**Permanent Guests**

Dorie Appollonio, Asjunct Representative  
Dana McGlothlin, Clinical Representative

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**Number of Meetings: 6**

**Senate Analysts:** Wilson Hardcastle, Shilpa Patel

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## Systemwide Business

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

### **CDL and UCOLASC Negotiations with the Nature Publishing Group**

UCSF COLASC Vice Chair and UCOLASC Chair Rich Schneider was heavily involved in the system-wide negotiations of the California Digital Library (CDL) and the Nature Publishing Group and gave regular, yet confidential, updates to the Committee.

In a similar vein, the CDL is struggling with other vendors who want to significantly increase subscription rates. The irony of charging significant rates for content which is substantially created by UC faculty continues. The CDL issued an "OpenLetter to Liscended Content Providers" (dated May 26, 2009, [Appendix 1](#)) and followed up with a report and letter "Systemwide Library License Reductions in a Time of Fiscal Challenge" (<http://www.cdlib.org/services/collections/current/publicbudgetletter2011.html>) dated May 16, 2011.

### **Review of the University of California Systemwide Library and Scholarly Information Advisory Committee Library Planning Task Force Interim Report**

The Committee reviewed and discussed the *University of California Systemwide Library and Scholarly Information Advisory Committee Library Planning Task Force Interim Report* dated May 2011 ([Appendix 2](#)). The Library Task Force was charged with determining ways to save \$52M from the library system. This represents 21% of the total budget, which is equivalent to about three libraries. The task force came up with four strategies/priorities:

1. Consolidation.
2. Support for faculty education of open access.
3. Exploration of new sources of revenue (i.e., charging fees for access).
4. Streamlining infrastructure.

## Divisional Business

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

### **Ongoing Cuts to the Library Budget, Services and Resources**

As with other campuses, schools, and departments, the Library had to implement a series of significant and increasing budget cuts over the year. University Librarian Karen Butter viewed ongoing plan to address funding reductions, including a History of Library Budget Cuts from 2008 to 2011 ([Appendix 3](#)). At the April 7, 2011 meeting, University Librarian K. Butter reported to the Committee the status of the ongoing budget planning, including the 2009-2012 expected reductions in state funds. Total permanent cuts amount to \$1,699,499, with an additional \$294,665 in temporary cuts.

Operational Efficiencies will affect HR operations, pre- and post-awards management, and some library services. The Library will be able to eliminate one HR position and maybe one finance position. ITS will now manage the library network and upgrade the library wireless network. Desktop computer systems are expected to transition to virtual desktops in FY 11-12, and virtualized Library servers will be relocated to 654 Minnesota.

K. Butter also reported on the importance of preserving staff for educational programs as changes are made to address the budget reductions. This may need defending in the future. K. Butter met with the

student representative to address some student concerns, including concerns of budget cuts closing library space and reducing hours.

Ultimately the University Librarian and the Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication issued a joint letter to the faculty detailing how these cuts have affected Library resources and services. This Communication was not only intended to educate the faculty of the state of the Library, but also to spur advocacy on behalf of Library resources, and called for comments regarding priorities for Library resources and services. ([Appendix 4](#)).

#### **Development of Key Library Resources for Faculty**

The Library produced a Guide of Key Library Resources for Faculty including Research and Publishing Support, teaching Support and an Accounts Checklist ([Appendix 5](#)).

#### **Proposed Food and Drink Policy for the UCSF Libraries**

The Committee discussed reports regarding the impact of food on pest issues, preservation of the academic atmosphere and the Library as library space, and management/enforcement of which sorts of food are allowable. The Library investigated installing a coffee bar in the past and it is not financially feasible to do so. ([Appendix 6](#))

#### **Open Access and Open Access Week**

Julia Kochi, Director of the Digital Library, reviewed open access publishing and the upcoming "Open Access Week" of events at UCSF to educate the campus and advocate for Open Access ([Appendix 7](#)). The Committee renewed its discussions to push for an open access model of scholarly communication and began efforts to educate new COLASC members and discussed possible avenues for educating and advocating the greater faculty. Additional information and educational materials regarding academic serials publishing and subscription costs to academic libraries are available online via the American Library Association's [Issues & Advocacy](#) website. Of particular interest is the section on [Access to Information](#), and even a [June 2000 article](#) calling for the necessary change to the system of scholarly communication.

The University of California's Office of Scholarly Communication has a Web site of additional important resources at <http://osc.universityofcalifornia.edu/>.

The Committee also reviewed the document produced by SPARC (Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition) "Responses to Common Misconceptions About Campus-Open Access Policies" ([Appendix 8](#)).

#### **Open Access and Faculty Copyrights: A Proposed Joint Symposium with the Academic Senate Committee on Academic Freedom**

COLASC has long sought to educate the faculty on the important issues and the Academic Senate Committee on Academic Freedom (AF) has expressed an interest in taking up this cause as well. The Committees have jointly agreed to host a symposium for UCSF faculty on this topic in 2011 and participating in the 2011 Open Access week next October.

Vice Chair Schneider has met with the Chair of the Committee on Faculty Welfare and the Committees will continue to explore cooperation opportunities to advocate for Open Access.

#### **Bylaw Updates: Incorporating Scholarly Communication in Defined Duties**

Several years ago, as the system-wide and divisional Committees on Library were increasingly charged with reviewing and taking up matters pertaining to scholarly communication, the system-wide and divisional committees changed their names to the Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication. The UCSF Division formally changed the name of its Committee on Library to the Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication in by a vote of the Division June 12, 2008. However, the duties relating to

scholarly communication were not incorporated into the duties of the committee as set forth in Bylaw 165.B.

The Committee proposed the following language to be incorporated as item 5 in the list of defined duties for the Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (Divisional Bylaw 165.B.5.): “To cooperate with the University Librarian and advise the Faculty and the Chancellor in matters of scholarly communication on behalf of the Division.”

This request was sent to the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction for review and approval on February 3, 2011 ([Appendix 9](#)). The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction expressed its approval in a Communication dated July 25, 2011 ([Appendix 10](#)).

## Going Forward

Ongoing issues under review or actions which the Committee will continue into 2011-2012:

- Move forward with hosting a symposium on Open Access and Faculty Copyrights with the Academic Senate Committee on Academic Freedom

## Appendices

- [Appendix 1](#): Open Letter to Liscended Content Providers from the California Digital Librieas dated May 26, 2009
- [Appendix 2](#): University of California Systemwide Library and Scholarly Information Advisory Committee Library Planning Task Force Interim Report, dated May 2011
- [Appendix 3](#): History of Library Budget Cuts from 2008 to 2011
- [Appendix 4](#): letter from COLASC to the Faculty Regarding the Impact of Budget Cuts, dated July 1, 2011
- [Appendix 5](#): Key Library Resources for Faculty, September 2010
- [Appendix 6](#): Proposed Food and Drink Policy for the Library, October 2010
- [Appendix 7](#): Open Access Week Flyer, October 2010
- [Appendix 8](#): SPARC Guide Regarding Open Access Policy Misconceptions
- [Appendix 9](#): Communication from the Committee to the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction Requesting Approval of Bylaw Change to include Scholarly Communication Recommendations in its Defined Duties, dated February 3, 2011
- [Appendix 10](#): Communication from the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction Expressing Approval of Requested Bylaw Modification dated July 25, 2011