



Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication
Richard Schneider, PhD, Chair

ANNUAL REPORT 2011-2012

Primary Focus Points for the Year:

- Education and Advocacy for an Open Access Policy and Alternative Methods of Publishing
- Ongoing Budget Cuts

Issues for Next Year (2012-2013)

- Monitoring the Effects of the UCSF Open Access Policy
- Continued Subscription Negotiations with Publishers

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Permanent Guests

Dorie Apollonio, Adjunct Representative

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Number of Meetings: 7

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<http://senate.ucsf.edu/0-committee/j-lib.html>

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 Liscensed Content Providers" 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>)

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 reviewed ongoing plan to address funding reductions, including a History of Library Budget Cuts from 2008 to 2011. At the April 7, 2012 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.

Open Access

COLASC, under the direction of Chair Schneider, produced a presentation on Open Access. This presentation was developed in an effort to garner support for a UCSF Open Access Policy. Chair Schneider made this presentation ([Appendix 1](#)) to ten Senate committees where the policy garnered unanimous support. The UCSF Division of the Academic Senate approved this policy at the May 11, 2012 Division Meeting. ([Appendix 2](#))

Going Forward

Ongoing issues under review or actions which the Academic Senate Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication will continue into 2012-2013:

- Continued monitoring of journal cancellations
- Revisiting TLC policies
- Further refinement of the addendum and waiver procedures enacted under the Open Access Policy

Appendices

[Appendix 1:](#) Open Access Presentation

[Appendix 2:](#) Open Access Policy and Letters of Support

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