

Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications
Richard A. Schneider, PhD, Chair

ANNUAL REPORT
2016-2017

During the 2016-2017 academic term, the Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications' (COLASC) strongest contributions were to the [Open Access 2020 mission](#) (OA 2020), & to the UCSF's Open Access Publishing Fund.

2016-2017 Members

Richard Schneider, Chair
Cynthia Darling, Vice Chair

Pedram Aleshi
Diana Laird
Wu Li
Mark Seielstad
Irina Strigo
James Sorensen

Ex-Officio Members

Jim Munson, Interim Library Director
Peggy Tahir, LAUC-SF Representative
Ibraheem Ali, Student Representative

Number of Meetings: 7

Systemwide Business

Open Access 2020

Building upon its successful adoption of the first open access policy in the UC system, the Academic Senate's Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications (COLASC) continued to explore opportunities to strengthen open access publishing in 2016-2017. During the winter and spring of 2017, COLASC Chair Richard Schneider in collaboration with UCSF library administration, presented the [OA 2020's Expression of Interest](#) to over half of the Senate's standing committees, and obtained support from the Senate's Executive Council to add UCSF as a signatory to the Expression of Interest (EoI). ([Appendix 1](#)). By committing to the EoI, UCSF will work to ensure that scholarly works published by its faculty are not restricted by subscription paywalls imposed by academic journal publishers to consumers, institutions, and authors.

Divisional Business

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

Inclusion of preprints¹ and interim research products in grant proposals to the National Institutes of Health

Ron Vale, PhD, Professor of Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology led a discussion on the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) Request for Information (RFI) on whether the NIH should allow preprints and interim research products to be used as citations in grants and applications. Dr. Vale and postdoctoral scholar Sam Hindle requested COLASC members respond to the RFI and consider sending a letter to the NIH supporting the allowance of using preprints as citations in grant proposals. ([Appendix 2](#))

Currently, conversations about interim research products are focused on preprints and journals. This combination provides an effective communication method in the life sciences, as it provides a window into the applicant's most relevant work. Preprints can also support the role of a NIH reviewer in study sections, as it supports their role in giving the applicant the opportunity to provide proof of their productivity.

The culture of publishing is lengthy and under its time constraints, can affect a scholar's career advancement. Preprints offer some relief from these constraints & facilitate quicker dissemination. Scholars are afforded an option to crowd-source their preprints on an open server, enabling them to present their work on demand.

Academic Senate Chancellor's Fund

The Academic Senate and the UCSF library's leadership underscored its support to open access publishing by awarding \$100,000 to the Open Access Publishing Fund. The Fund's goals are to:

- Foster greater dissemination of the work of UCSF scholars
- Encourage author control of copyright
- Provide opportunities for librarians, faculty, and other scholars to engage in discussion about open access publishing models and wider scholarly communication topics.

Task Forces and Other Committee Service

This year, members of the Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication served on the following campus and systemwide committees as representatives of COLASC or the Academic Senate.

- University Librarian Search Committee
- University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication

Going Forward

Ongoing issues under review or actions which the Committee will continue into 2017-2018:

- **Review and report on use of library space ([Appendix 3](#))**

¹ A preprint is a complete scientific manuscript uploaded by the author to a public server.
<http://asapbio.org/preprint-info>

- **Draft UCSF's roadmap toward implementation of Open Access 2020**
- **Review of library permanent and special collections**

Appendices

- [Appendix 1](#): Letters to the Chair supporting adding UCSF as signatory to Expression of Interest
- [Appendix 2](#): Letter to NIH supporting the inclusion of interim research material as citations in grant proposals.
- [Appendix 3](#): Communication to Senate Chair Greenblatt supporting a new standing committee on space, reserving purview of library space to COLASC per [San Francisco Division bylaw 165](#)

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