

**Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication**  
**Diana J. Laird, PhD, Chair**

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**2017-2018**

UCSF and the Academic Senate formally welcomed University Librarian (UL) and Assistant Vice Chancellor of Academic Information Management, Chris Shaffer. UL Shaffer relocated to San Francisco from Oregon Health & Science University, where he served as University Librarian and associate professor.

The 2017-2018 term saw investments from the campus' leadership to rebuild Parnassus Heights. UL Shaffer's vision of creating synergy between UC's teaching mission and realigning existing library space emerged as the primary driver in planning the library's future. Activities in shared governance between COLASC and library administration included the following:

- Supported efforts to establish a [Makers Lab](#) space at Mission Bay. COLASC held its October meeting in the Makers Lab and guided library staff on how it could align the Lab's programming with the needs of mid-career investigators.
- Gave feedback on library space and safety.
- Helped define pilot programs that were offered as part of the open science initiative (see Chancellor's Fund below).

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**2017-2018 Members**

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**Diana Laird, PhD, Chair**

**Pedram Aleshi, MD**  
**Donna Hudson, PhD**  
**Marta Margeta, MD, PhD**  
**Mark Seielstad, PhD**  
**Irina Strigo, PhD**  
**James Sorensen, PhD**

**Ex-Officio Members**

**Chris Shaffer, University Librarian**  
**Jill Barr-Walker, LAUC-SF**  
**Ibraheem Ali, Student Representative**

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**Number of Meetings: 6**

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## Systemwide Business

### Draft Presidential Policy on Open Access for Theses and Dissertations

This policy proposed that theses or dissertations authored by graduate students while attending the University, be (1) “deposited into an open access repository, and (2) freely and openly available to the public, subject to a requested delay of access (“embargo”) obtained by the student.” The proposal allowed students to retain copyright ownership rights to their theses or dissertations.

While COLASC and UCOLASC agreed with the draft policy, the systemwide Academic Senate voted to return the draft to the Office of the President ([Appendix 1](#)). Chief among the Senate’s concerns was the fear that publishers would reject books based on manuscripts that had been deposited in an open access repository.

## Divisional Business

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

### Academic freedom and publishing practices

During the spring quarter, Professor Ruth Malone requested COLASC’s response to actions taken by publisher Taylor and Francis that ran counter to the guidelines of the Committee on Publishing Ethics (COPE). In a communication from Drexel University Professor Arthur Frank, MD to the National Library of Medicine (NLOM), Professor Frank requested the NLOM to remove the [International Journal of Environmental and Occupational Health \(IJEHO\)](#) from Medline on the following grounds:

- The publisher’s lack of consultation with the Journal’s editorial board on matters within the board’s scope.
- The dismissal of the Journal’s editor and the subsequent retraction of his publication that raised questions about industry science.
- Threats from the publisher to rescind the former editor’s publication decisions.

While the UCSF Library does not hold a subscription to the IJEHO, COLASC felt it was important to broaden this discussion across the campus and systemwide Senate. To plan the Committee’s response, COLASC Chair Diana Laird, UL Shaffer, and Professor Stanton Glantz, the Committee on Committee’s liaison to COLASC, began developing a cross-campus strategy with the goal of implementation next term.

### Chancellor’s Fund

The Academic Senate voted to continue supporting open access (OA) publishing by awarding \$110,000 to the UCSF Library to promote open science. Through this mechanism over the past three years, the Chancellor’s Fund has helped numerous faculty members who lacked other means of paying for their OA publication costs. A portion of the funds this year supported the library’s Data Science Initiative in a pilot program that will provide stipends to faculty members to develop and teach library workshops in bioinformatics, statistics, programming and data management. This effort aligns with the increasing amount of genomics and proteomics data in public repositories, the need to acquire skills for managing and analyzing large data sets, and provides faculty without research grants the opportunity to make new discoveries from shared data. Together, this larger effort will drive the movement toward more reproducible Open Science.

## Task Forces and Other Committee Service

The following members of the Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication served on campus and systemwide committees (partial list):

- Diana Laird: Parnassus Master Plan Steering Committee  
University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication
- Chris Shaffer: Chair, Parnassus Master Plan Steering Committee Education Space Working Group  
Co-Chair, Systemwide Integrated Library System Working Group  
IT Governance Steering Committee  
Executive Co-director, UC Office of Scholarly Communication
- Mark Seielstad: Systemwide Library and Scholarly Information Advisory Committee

## Going Forward

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

- Engaging faculty on library space needs
- Continue to support the Open Science Initiative
- Reaching consensus on publishing offsetting model
- Statement on publishing practices

## Appendices

[Appendix 1](#): COLASC comment: Draft Presidential Policy on Open Access for Theses and Dissertations