LAUC-SB General Membership Meeting
February 13, 2009


1. Anne Barnhart opened the meeting with the following announcements:

LAUC Spring Assembly will be held at UCR Palm Desert on May 13, probably from 12-5:30 pm to accommodate those flying in from the northern campuses. The closest airport is Palm Springs, but UCSB attendees would have to leave the assembly 2 hours early to get a return flight, so we should probably drive (it takes about 4 hours). Janet Lockwood from UCOP (via Skype) and Karen Calhoun, Vice President of OCLC will speak. The program includes a general panel about NextGen Melvyl and how it affects the library at all levels. Members of the panel will lead breakout groups for discussion. Anne will send the agenda via email once it is finalized.

Anne is going to be leaving UCSB at the end of winter or beginning of spring. When she leaves, Eunice will become chair early and will pick a temporary vice chair. The vice chair will not be required to become chair the following year. This could be a good opportunity for someone who wants to get involved but doesn’t necessarily want to commit for 3 years.

Anne asked members to review the minutes from our last meeting and email any corrections to Becky.

2. Committee Reports

CAP (Anne for Sherri):
Nothing to report at this time.

Program Committee (Eunice):
The Ted Bergstrom program on journal pricing was held January 22nd and was well attended.

Gary Colmenar is organizing a program on ethics across the library profession. He has two speakers lined up, including Clara Chu from UCLA who will talk about ethics in archives and the ethics class held at UCLA. This will probably be held in April.

Staff celebration week is May 18-22. Once the schedule is posted we will set a date for LAUC brunch event for staff.
WOM (Janet):
WOM holds receptions to welcome our new members and programs throughout the year. The next program will be a walk at Ellwood Butterfly Preserve on Saturday, February 21 at 10:30 am.

CAAR (Lorna):
There has been one search this year so far: the metadata librarian position filled by Lisa Koch. There are no new recruitments coming up that we know of.

RPD (Jane):
ALA will be held in July this year, and only 2008-2009 professional development funds may be used. Please make sure to use the new travel form.

3. Jane Faulkner gave an update about Library Outreach:
We have hosted 2 very successful game nights and hope to do another one in spring.

The free massages program that we offer in collaboration with the Wellness Center is ongoing and is a huge success.

We have a student art wall on the first floor where students can show their work. Interested students should contact Angela for more information.

The portraits at top of stairs have been loaned to us for UCSB Reads by University Religious Conference of Santa Barbara (URC). The collection is entitled “People of Peace.” URC also loaned us the banners placed throughout the library that feature concepts across 11 different religious traditions.

4. Brenda Johnson spoke on several current issues:
Congratulations to Anne Barnhart, who received the Nyholm Award this year.

Budget: We now know what our budget reduction target is (see Brenda’s email dated February 11 for more information). The collections budget is exempted from cuts; in fact, we were given a small increase to the collections budget. The Administrative Group has worked with Brenda to put together a budget reduction proposal to meet our targets. A large portion of the cuts will come from non-personnel expenditures. GA and open positions will take the rest of the cuts. This budget plan will be submitted to Gene Lucas and is subject to his approval. The Chancellor is contributing one-time moneys to offset this year’s cut, but as of July 1, the cuts will be permanent.

There will be an all staff meeting on March 4th.
**Organizational Changes:** Congratulations to Lucia and Sherry, whose AUL appointments have been made permanent.

**AUL for Outreach and Academic Services:** Brenda noted that there has been some confusion about the position. This AUL position will not include managing a large number of staff but rather will play a critical role in strategic initiatives and vision. We need to use marketing and assessment as more effective tools to garner support for the library. Brenda has received a lot of positive feedback from faculty about this position. The University of Minnesota Library, ACRL’s academic library of the year, is a good example of how libraries can work to transform and re-brand themselves in order to secure a highly valued position on campus and be better integrated into the university’s research and teaching.

We not only support faculty with our collections and services, they are our research partners and advocates for the library. Brenda is putting together a task force with members from the Academic Senate to work on a whitepaper on the future of the UCSB library. She is also planning an ongoing faculty advisory committee to the library, perhaps including people from the community as well.

**Open positions:** Given the difficult budget climate, positions may be filled temporarily with term appointments. We will be recruiting for a government documents and law librarian under a 2 year contract.

**Discussion:** In what areas do librarians feel they need more support?

- Could we use hourly staff to do more reference desk hours to free up librarians to do other things? Could we be on call, have desk staff do more referrals, or set up research appointments rather than having us at the desk?
- Some feel the workload caused by the number of collections we have may not be alleviated by having to work fewer desk hours.
- Could we hire interns from SJSU or UCLA who need experience hours? The graduate assistant model has worked well at the Music Library.
- Could we do instruction in a different way using technology?
- Could we look at collections and take the opportunity to swap for ones that are becoming vacant? Interested librarians should let Lucia know if you want to swap collections.
- Language expertise is something we’d like to hold on to and gain if we can. The technical services group tracks language expertise. One idea would be to look for language expertise systemwide through the creation of Centers of Excellence.

**Website:** Deeper redesign and Drupal content management system are coming. We are going to hire a web programmer. Members from the web team will give an update at the all staff meeting.

**Building:** The plan for the new building includes a café, collaborative work space for both undergraduate and graduate students, Special Collections, flexible space, and labs for digital projects. The project has
gone through campus committees, such as the Design Review Committee and one of two meetings with the Campus Planning committee, and the Regents’ preview committee; the next step is the Regents’ consent calendar. The cost estimate for the new building is on target, but the renovation project is $15 million over budget due to a variety of factors, including the addition of a fire sprinkler system which was not part of the original plans and is now mandatory. We might be able to keep the 2nd floor of the Davidson building intact during the renovation according to the structural engineers. This means we might be able to store collections in the 2 story building while the work is being done. If all goes well, we could be breaking ground a year from now and it would take 18-24 months to complete the work.

Brenda will present more information at the all staff meeting.

Other announcements:

Professor Phillip Walker passed away last week. There will be a memorial for him on February 22. He was a big advocate for the library and open access publishing.

The server room will be moving in summer and will have冗余性和发电机电源。

The serials group is moving to the 3rd floor.

Digitization projects are ramping up now that we have Lisa on board.

The Board of Trustees for the UCSB Foundation will be meeting here a on February 21. Brenda and EVC Gene Lucas will talk about UCSB Reads and some of the other things we’re doing, such as the improvements to the 24 hour room.

Adjourned 12:28 pm.

Recorded by Becky Lasswell Stromberg.