LAUC-SB General Membership Meeting  
May 27, 2010


Approval of minutes from Mar. 4, 2010

Remarks from ULs
The governor is proposing a revised budget where $350 million will be restored to UC. The legislature still has to approve this revision and we don’t know where the money will come from but at least the governor is on our side.

Locally at UCSB, we had a $22 million cut even after furloughs and other things. Departments were dealt 7-15% cuts to their budgets. The Library has been that our budget cut for the 2010/2011 year will be similar to last year’s cut.

Building plans are going forward. Senate budget committee agreed to leave our project in the budget for the next revenue bonds. It is next moving to the Assembly Budget Committee. If they agree to leave it in the budget, it still has to go through the whole legislature and the governor but it’s a good sign. The internal library committee has been formed. John, Sherry and Lucia are going to be meeting with the architects soon. Construction could start January or February of 2012.

We are not going to be filling any permanent positions until we know what are cuts are for the next fiscal year. However, we are looking to get 2 half-time temporary librarians to help with reference, chat and instruction. We will also be asking to open a search for the Library Fellow position, a 2 year temporary position.

The Digital Reference Common Interest Group has recommended taking the 24/7 ref out of pilot into permanent. The ULs have agreed to this recommendation.

The ULs, CDL and Academic Council Special Committee on Scholarly Communications (SCSC) are writing a joint statement about Nature magazine. They want to send this statement to the faculty soon. Nature is talking about a 24% increase in subscription rates when our current contract expires.

Co-Interim ULs are writing and sending a letter to congress and other parties about FERPO.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
CAAR (Anna DeVore, chair)
CAAR met with the Co-Interim University Librarians regarding the updated Procedures for Appointment and Review, Librarian Series, UCSB document. The document was approved as amended and will be posted on the LAUC website. This is on the recruitment and interviewing process.

WOM (Janet Martorana, chair)
No report.

CAP (Cathy Chiu, chair)
Packets have all been reviewed. Everything went smoothly. 3 committees reviewed 12 packets. The committees have come up with very constructive comments. It is highly recommended that the reviewees request redacted copies of these comments. One question raised was why these comments aren’t automatically sent to the reviewees. If LAUC members agree, this policy is something for the next committee to look at revising.

CAP has amended 2 documents. No substantive change but the revision has to do with removing all referrals to Appendix E. In the latest 2008 union negotiations Appendix E was removed from the APM. However, the review procedures for represented librarians still refers to it. Helpful tips for review committees - refer to the 2 new articles included and removed referrals to Appendix E. New versions of the two documents were sent to Library HR to be incorporated into the librarian review folder.

RPD (Angela Boyd, chair)
Angela sent out reminders about submitting travel and reimbursement requests in a timely manner as well as the amount people had left to spend. Forms have been trickling in. On July 1, Gary Johnson will take over as chair.

Program (Elaine McCracken, chair)
One more program coming up on June 17th, 1:30-3pm. Susan C. Curzon, Ph.D., Dean of Oviatt Library, CSUN, will speak on leadership in libraries.

Nominating Committee (Elaine McCracken, chair)
The LAUC-SB Nominating Committee for 2010-2011 is: Elaine McCracken (Chair), Gary Colmenar, Annie Platoff, and Chuck Huber. The committee has a slate of nominees for the LAUC election, which includes the LAUC-SB Offices, as well as Vice-President/President-Elect and Secretary for the Statewide LAUC.

The nominees for LAUC-SB Executive Board are Chuck Huber for Vice Chair/Chair Elect; Lisa Koch for Secretary, Anna DeVore for CAAR, Gary Colmenar for CAP, Cathy Chiu & Chimene Tucker for RPD.

The ballot and information about statewide candidates will be emailed to the LAUC-SB members immediately following the general membership meeting today.
SYSTEMWIDE REPORTS:

Committee on Diversity (Gary Colmenar, chair)
2 charges for 2009-2010. 1. Update the Committee’s web pages and consider adding material to the LAUC information clearinghouse pages. I have been working with Phoebe on moving the Diversity webpage from UCSC to LAUC-State server. 2. Follow the progress of the LAUC Committee on Professional Governance which is looking into “The Future for UC Librarians: redefining our role for the 21st Century and Beyond.” Not much to report on the second charge.

I also surveyed the committee members about any hate motivated actions similar to the types that happened at UCSD. UCSF, UCR, UCB, UC Merced reported no incidents happened on their campuses or libraries. UC Davis reported on a few hate incidents happened on their campus.

Committee on Professional Governance (Bev Ryan, UCSB representative)
Bev has posted notes from our own local discussion (about the future of UC Librarianship) on the blog, as all the campuses were asked to do. Lots of postings are going up. We are assigned as a campus for something more to go up on June.

The notes from the assembly at UCI have not been posted yet. Dana Peterman is still working on compiling all the information and ideas gathered at the recent assembly.

Meeting began with a talk by Brian Schottlaender. His slides are up on the web and Eunice will send out a link. His talk highlighted a distributed shared collection & cataloging concept and a profile of the future librarian. He listed the functions, skills, behaviors and values of future skills needed by future UC Librarians.

Research and Professional Development (Angela Boyd, UCSB representative)
All parties who were granted funds by Statewide RPD for research, mini-research or presentations should have been notified. The funds will be disbursed during the next fiscal year. We had 5 LAUC-SB members who received $500 – Annie, Chimene, Sylvia, Yolanda, and Elaine. Congratulations to you all. Another call will come out approximately in October of 2010. These are for $500 max but can help out with costs of travel to conferences so keep them in mind if you have presentations coming up. On July 1, Gary Johnson will have taken over as UCSB Rep so all questions can be addressed to him as well.

UCSB REPORTS:

Faculty Legislature (Sally Willson Weimer, Library representative)
May 13 – Law and Society program has been discontinued. This development still has to be approved by the Faculty Legislature. UC Commission on the Future and the
Academic Senate has some really important issues. The Academic Senate posts their minutes on the Senate webpage. Sally also puts them on the L drive. Despite this development, we are not doing away with the Law collection. The classes and faculty have simply moved into other departments. The program was too successful for its own good. It had 750 students who majored in it with only 5 faculty members supporting the teaching. They just didn’t have enough faculty or administrative staff to support the program. The faculty had to interview to get into other departments. Most were hired.

Report from CLIIR (UCSB Academic Senate, Committee on Library, Information, and Instructional Resources) (Brian Mathews)

CLIIR is looking at the Commission on the Future and responding to it. One big concern is a proposal of saving room on our campuses for 5 -20% of our population to be non-resident or out of state students. There is a push towards helping students graduate in 3 years but faculty on this campus are against this. This is agreed upon across all disciplines. There is also more push towards online instructions. Students wouldn’t attend a particular UC campus but UC Online. Another point brought up was the idea of looking for alternative compensation grants to help pay for salaries of faculty and staff. There was talk of differential tuitions across campuses. Currently regardless of which campus you attend, students pay the same tuition. But the Commission would like to see different tuitions. This is also for those attending the same campus but in different majors and departments.

UL search (Eunice Schroeder)
The search committee has decided to engage the search firm Isaacson, Miller. The process of finalizing the contract with them is underway. No date yet for a campus visit by the firm. The search committee has only had one meeting so far.

Librarian emeritus status policy
Policy has been finalized and approved by the EVC and the ULs, and it has been posted on the LAUC-SB home page. Eunice encourages all LAUC-SB members to take a look at the policy. Some of the main points are:

Announcements

Recorded by Angela Boyd (substituting for Chizu Morihara, Secretary)