LAUC-SB General Membership Meeting  
July 16, 2008

Present: Anne Barnhart, Linda Broderick, Rick Caldwell, Gary Colmenar, Sherry DeDecker, Anna DeVore, Brad Eden, Chuck Huber, Brenda Johnson, Becky Lasswell, Lorna Lueck, Janet Martorana, Elaine McCracken, Annie Platoff, Beverly Ryan, Eunice Schroeder, David Seubert, Lucia Snowhill, Yen Tran, Chimene Tucker

1. Janet Martorana started the meeting with the following announcements:

   This is the last business membership meeting this LAUC year. The statewide transition meeting will be held August 27. The local transition meeting will be held September 4.

   Janet welcomed new members Yen Tran and Anna DeVore to LAUC. The executive board will take them to lunch and give them more information about LAUC next month.

   Annual reports from committee chairs are due September 12.

   The incoming LAUC-SB board will be looking for new members. Let Janet or Anne (Vice Chair/Chair-Elect) know if you would like to volunteer. Janet will send out a call.

2. Brenda Johnson spoke on several current issues:

   **Budget:** We will not receive information on the budget situation until mid- to late-August. Brenda shared the Library Strategic Directions document with library staff last week which provides the context and direction for the budget request she submitted on behalf of the library. She was asked to model scenarios for a budget with no increase, a 3% cut, and a modest (~3%) increase. Most of the campus was asked to model a 5% cut or more. Brenda included several one-time requests in the proposal to cover things like facilities enhancements and improved wireless access. We are encouraged to send questions or comments on the document to Brenda.

   **Building/Addition:** UC has decided not to go forward with the general obligation bond this year. However, there is a possibility that a lease revenue bond may happen—this provides less funding than the general obligation bond. The best-case scenario is a one-year delay. In the meantime, we are working on other enhancements, such improving the 24 hour room and repurposing other spaces. Brenda is also working on collaborating with other groups on campus to improve the library. She hopes to pursue the possibility of a café in the library with UCen. She is also talking with Alan Moses of L&S Information Technology on a possible collaboration to create group study spaces, and/or a document repository for the campus course management system. The lease for one of the annexes ends in about a year and Brenda is working on a proposal with the Art Museum for a possible joint storage facility.
Open positions: With the departure and retirement of two AULS, this is an opportunity to look at the whole organization. Brenda, AG, and the Department Heads group will work together to develop a process to engage the staff to decide where we want to be in the future and the best way to organize ourselves to accomplish those goals. We are really understaffed in number of librarians compared to other academic libraries. Brenda has spoken to the dean of the Engineering School about creating a field librarian position in engineering with partial funding from the School, but intends to fill the position whether or not the School is able to assist in that way. Other open positions include the econ/data librarian, art librarian, and metadata librarian. Brenda included a request for money for more librarians in her budget proposal.

State level: Laine Farley is now the Executive Director of the CDL. We are not sure what the new president or budget cuts will mean yet. There is a possibility that some of the CDL responsibilities and tasks may shift to the campuses.

3. Updates from committees:

Program (Anne): The current program was postponed until Fall but the speaker has canceled. Mary Larsgaard had suggested a program given by a librarian from Africa in August, and is pursuing it.

CAAR (Chimene): The econ/data librarian search will be reopened. The search committee for the art librarian is meeting. They are just beginning to plan the search for a metadata librarian.

WOM (Gary reporting for Sherri Barnes): WOM welcomed new members Yen and Anna and hosted a reception for them. They have revised the new members’ page. WOM is planning a program on library school curriculum and continuing education with speakers from UCLA that will probably be held in August.

CAP (Elaine): The committee reviewed 15 people this year. They hosted a brown bag session with WOM on the academic review process and created a tips document which is available on the LAUC-SB new members’ page. On December 5, Gary Johnson received the Nyholm Award. Elaine will be meeting with Brenda to talk about the award, its history and purpose.

RPD (Eunice): There is a new policy for the use of professional development funds for research. It is available on the RPD page and the main LAUC-SB page. They are now officially the RPD committee, not CPD. The web pages have been updated to reflect the change. The new chair is Jane Faulkner and they made the transition on July 1. Chuck asked about the new travel site the university is testing on other campuses. He will forward information about this to Jane.
4. Opportunities to serve (Janet):

There are opportunities available to serve as a systemwide LAUC rep to the following groups: HOTS, Shared Library Facilities Board, SLASIAC, SCO and the Resource Sharing Committee. Gene Lucas is chairing SLASIAC this year. Terms are 2-3 years.

There are openings on the LAUC Diversity Committee and Research and Professional Development Committee.

There is also an opening for a LAUC web manager (this is a single systemwide position).

Janet will send more information by email.

Recorded by Becky Lasswell