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FROM: Barbara Schader, AUL Collections & Scholarly Communications, UCR, and LAUC appointee to Systemwide Library & Scholarly Information Advisory Committee (SLASIAC)

RE: SLASIAC Report, February 28, 2011

On October 28, 2010, The Systemwide Library and Scholarly Information Advisory Committee (SLASIAC) held its first conference call of the fiscal year. These conference calls are 3 ½ hours long! There are 23 members. Chair is Gene Lucas, Executive Vice Chancellor of UCSB. In addition to faculty and campus administrators, there are 2 University Librarian members – Gary Strong and Ginny Steel, the LAUC member and then Laine Farley, Catherine Candee (eScholarship) and Dan Greenstein serve as ex officio members. The Libraries are well represented on SLASIAC.

The October 28, 2010 agenda and meeting notes can be found at http://uclib-s10.cdlib.org/planning/slasiac/slasiacmeetings.html

Highlights of the October 2010 meeting include:

- The hot topic of this meeting was the formation of the **SLASIAC Library Planning Task Force.** (http://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/planning/taskforce/)

  Gene Lucas, SLASIAC chair, and Dan Greenstein discussed the rationale for this task force stating it was within the recommendation of the 'Commission on the Future', specifically to improve administrative efficiencies across the system, including libraries.

  The Task Force will approach the challenges in three broad areas: 1) Collections, 2) Services, and 3)Operations. They will look to a 5-year time horizon, with estimated 10% annual reductions in funding for purchases. They will assume there will be no new space for libraries. The issues discussed in the initial meeting follow the same lines as recent strategic discussions by the University Librarians, in particular: the difficulties posed by print + digital collections and the limitations from finite library space. The Task Force will meet every two weeks, and will provide preliminary findings to SLASIAC and the Provost in January, with a final report expected in March.

  The Task Force will also keep the Senate Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (UCOLASC) updated on its work. There are two University Librarians on the Task Force, in order to insure close communication with the ULs' Group.

- Copyright topics (Greenstein/MacDonald/Rzeszutko) Faculty posting lectures on the web (You Tube, etc.) on their own. This was discussed at the February 2010 meeting and reviewed again at the October meeting and then turned over to the SLASIAC Standing Subcommittee on Copyright Policy. The Subcommittee will take up the question of "unauthorized" posting of course lectures online, as well as other potential practices (such as screen-casting) that might have legal implications for UC (e.g., privacy or third-party copyright) and will determine if a new or revised systemwide policy is needed, and will include online learning needs and digital instruction trends .

- Faculty packaging instructional aides such as past tests, slides, etc., and charging students for the materials. This issue arose from a specific incident at UCLA, and was brought to the UC Office of General Counsel. It brings up the larger question of whether instructors should be collecting royalties of any sort from their own work that they assign to a class. The Committee agreed that "there ought to be a policy," but thought that this might be an ethical issue to be brought to Academic Personnel, instead of a copyright issue. Dan Greenstein will contact Susan Carlson, VP of Academic Personnel.

- From the Intellectual Property Policy Review Working Group: "Ownership of software and other copyrighted works developed with the use of University time and resources that evidence the same practical applications as patentable inventions should be retained by the University." See the 1992 Policy at: (http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/copyright/systemwide/pcoi.html)

  The Working Group and its focus is primarily on patent issues and finding ways to streamline and simplify the work of the campus Research Offices. The lack of a centralized copyright locus on campus or systemwide, and the fact that the copyright regime is not equivalent to patents, has led to some frustration by Research Administration. For patents, University employees are required to disclose their inventions to the University and allow them to be reviewed to determine if the University has ownership interest. That review includes use of University resources and facilities, use of University funding, and whether the material was developed within the course of University employment.

  The Working Group is particularly interested in software, which is covered by copyright, not patent law.

- Nature Publishing Group Update. Laine Farley and Rich Schneider, who is the Chair of the Senate UCOLASC (Library and Scholarly Communication) Committee, and involved in the Nature Publishing Group negotiations, indicated that in 2010, Nature Publishing Group asked UC for a huge increase in subscription price, claiming that UC had had an unfair discount for years. UC responded with a letter to faculty alerting them to the situation and a potential faculty-initiated boycott of Nature publications. UC and Nature are now trying to work together to build a relationship and find a pricing model that will satisfy all parties. Talks between UC and Nature Publishing Group are continuing. More information about the UC/NPG negotiations can be found on the Reshaping Scholarly Communication website: http://osc.universityofcalifornia.edu/npg/.

  In the discussion, Rich Schneider brought up the point that most people in the UC community don't realize that the journal articles, databases, and e-books that they download for "free" from the Internet (from within UC) often consists of content for which UC has paid licensing fees. Researchers don't realize how much their universal access to resources actually costs, because the access is so seamless.

- Google Update.   Farley reported on the Library Partners meeting. Currently, Google has digitized 15 million books; there are 40 library partners and 30,000 publisher partners. Almost 3 million of the volumes have come from UC, with the work currently being done on NRLF, San Diego, UCLA, and Santa Cruz collections. Google is looking for more collections, but has become more selective about content.

The HathiTrust (www.hathitrust.org) is a compilation of the digitized content from 50 major academic libraries that provides preservation and access. There are currently 7 million volumes in HathiTrust, including 3 million from UC. More than one million of the volumes are in the public domain (approximately 20% of the total), with more content becoming available as more distinguished institutions join the consortium. In terms of the Google Settlement Agreement, the parties are still waiting for the judge's decision.

- UC Press Update. Dan Greenstein provided some background on the UC Press Review, which was an academic process initiated by Press Director Lynne Withey. A broad group (from within and outside the University) was assembled to think about the future of University Presses and consult on what the University's publisher might require going forward. The group engaged in scenario planning, and the result was four areas for development:

    1. Organizational changes for production and business services, including building a "venture fund" to invest in new areas. The Press expects cuts to salaries on the order of 17-20%.
    2. Integration into the services offered by the Press of a suite of services currently offered by the CDL, i.e., the Publishing Group's UCPubS publishing services. The University should look to itself as a revenue-generating publisher via the Press.
    3. Looking toward the future of the monograph (or "long form narrative") and what it might look like. Explore various formats, media, and subjects.
    4. Deep or continuum publishing, focusing on UC scholarship but wider than a solely academic California Studies and Educational publishing. Leverage the expertise of authors for educational materials.

UC Press Director Lynne Withey retired at the end of 2010.

Next SLASIAC meeting will be an in person meeting in Oakland on March 16th to discuss the SLASIAC Library Planning Task Force recommendations. I will send a summary of this in person meeting as quickly as possible. In the meantime, the url for the Library Planning draft documents is: http://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/planning/taskforce/

 I would recommend reading these documents and providing any feedback you have prior to the March 16th meeting. I welcome all comments and will pass along as many as possible in these meetings.