

LAUC-SB Research and Professional Development Committee

Annual Report FY13-14

It was my pleasure to serve as the chair of the LAUC-SB Research and Professional Development committee as well as UCSB's representative to the statewide RPD. The main purpose of the committee is to track reimbursable professional development expenditures for non-AUL LAUC members, provide guidance to local LAUC members when they are seeking research fundings (particularly and most especially LAUC statewide research, mini, and travel grants) and to jury said grants. David Gartrell and Jennifer Thompson served alongside me, and I thank them for their service.

The bulk of the work for the chair is administrative and the committee did not meet face-to-face for the duration of the year, but I consulted with the members on a number of occasions. The AUL for ODE interacted with RPD quite a bit this year, asking for more regular spending updates, and altering slightly how expenses are tracked. After LAUC-SB's website was moved to a WordPress site in the fall of 2013, I re-worked the text of the pages to match current practice. In the spring of 2014, I lightly edited the content to more clearly outline the new practice of spending through the fiscal turn (in order to accommodate ALA travel).

All Santa Barbara requests for funding to statewide LAUC were filled.

As for local spending. 35 LAUC members are overseen by the RPD committee. 19 completely spent their \$1500 allocations. 4 more will be spend out after being reimbursed for ALA 2014. 1 more has under \$50 left, another under \$150. (That means 25 out of 35 spent the bulk of their allocated funds.) There were 3 members who sought no reimbursements this year. To summarize:

Requested:	\$35,305
Expended by July 1	\$39,172 (75%)
Remaining encumbered:	\$3,831
Total anticipated FY14 spending:	\$43,003 (82%)

As we did last year, we asked LAUC members to submit requests for all of their professional expenses. A number of people appeared to do so, causing the total amount of requests to be \$49, 417.79. However, a casual glance at the records show that at least eight librarians likely spent personal funds that were not recorded in the RPD spreadsheet. It is the opinion of the chair that this exercise is not worth the effort.

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