

**LAUC Executive Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 4th, 2021**  
**1-2:33pm Pacific Time**

**Roll:**

**Attendees:** Marty Brennan, UCLA (President); Rachel Green, UCLA (President Elect); Heather Smedberg, UCSD (Past President); Kristen LaBonte, UCSB (Secretary); Dean Rowan, UCB (Parliamentarian); Ramona Collins, UCB (Chair); David Michalski, UCD (Chair); Melinda Livas, UCD (Chair-elect); Madelynn Dickerson, UCI (Chair); Sara Davidson Squibb, UCM (Chair); Peter Fletcher, UCLA (Chair); Carla Arbagey, UCR (Co-Chair); Laurel McPhee, UCSD (Chair); Catherine Busselen, UCSB (Chair); Jess Waggoner, UCSC (Chair); Cynthia Johnson (DOC); Allegra Swift (SLASIAC); Su Chen (DEI Chair); Cherry Williams (CPG); Marlayna Christensen (Web Manager)

**Absent:** Min-Lin Fang, UCSF (Chair); Jenny Reising (DEI Vice-Chair); Courtney Hoffner (Web Manager); Hilary Schiraldi (SLFB); Brian Quigley, UCB (SCLG); Joy Holland (Social Media Team); Nisha Mody (Social Media Team)

**Approved Minutes**

**1PM, call to order via Zoom**

1. Roll Call / Approval of meeting minutes from Feb. 4, 2021 - K. LaBonte
2. Announcements / Administrivia - M. Brennan
  - a. Moment of silence for those recently lost in our LAUC community
    - i. Christina Cicchetti, Social Sciences Teaching Librarian at UCR
    - ii. Jennifer Comey, wife of UC Davis Law Librarian Ted Pitts
    - iii. Anita Schiller, Librarian Emerita at UC San Diego
3. Round Robin: Highlights and issues from the campuses
  - a. Berkeley – R. Collins
    - i. LAUC-B's Spring Assembly on April 6 will feature a guest speaker, Dr. Aisha Johnson-Jones, who will discuss her new book, *The African American struggle for library equality: the untold story of the Julius Rosenwald Fund Library* Program. <http://oskicat.berkeley.edu/record=b25803328~S1>
    - ii. The LAUC-B Research and Professional Development committee is planning an educational event to discuss best practices to access available funding -- both local and statewide. R. Collins will do the introduction and highlight the new and improved website: <https://lauc.ucop.edu/guidelines-for-lauc-grants>
  - b. Davis – D. Michalski
    - i. No report
  - c. Irvine – M. Dickerson
    - i. LAUC-I Program Committee is hosting the following virtual program on Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.: “Books Are for All: How Mary Elizabeth Wood Helped to Establish the Modern Public Library System in China.”

1. Email invitation for all campuses was shared via email
- ii. UCI Librarian Julia Gelfand received the 2021 ACRL Librarian of the Year Award. <http://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2021/02/julia-m-gelfand-named-2021-acrl-academicresearch-librarian-year>
- iii. UCI Librarians Mitchell Brown (Scholarly Communications Coordinator) and Nicole Carpenter (Research Librarian for Social Sciences) will be joining the STAR Team (Scholarly Transformation Advice and Review <https://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/sclg/star>)
- d. Los Angeles – P. Fletcher
  - i. LAUC-LA board meeting held Feb. 23
  - ii. April 13 set for Spring membership meeting—Librarian of the Year is the main event for that meeting; election slate due to membership 2 weeks before that; currently calling for nominations.
  - iii. Removal of UC-AFT as an example of an outside, criterion III group, (along with other examples) is controversial with board members and will continue to be a discussion topic.
  - iv. UL is interested in seeing the outcome of the CPG survey/investigation.
  - v. Budget news from UL is good in that it is not as dire as originally predicted. Estimated budget cut of 6% going forward, instead of the originally predicted 20-25% over 3 years. UCLA library continues to hire for positions (currently 5, but 2 of those are grant or endowed) that were already started before the COVID shutdown. UL states any new recruitments will be scrutinized.
  - vi. UCLA management council: required reading, *How to be an anti-racist*, topic of small group discussion and public notes via “padlet”; Strategic directions document discussed and how to involve units/staff in contributing to the process.
- e. Merced – S. Davidson Squibb
  - i. The library has been involved in strategic planning the past few months but will resume once more details (phase 3 materials) about the campus’ academic planning are available.
  - ii. The academic senate’s Committee on Research (COR) has extended an invitation for a LAUC-M member to attend meetings once a semester.
- f. Riverside – C. Arbagey
  - i. The quarterly membership meeting is next week, on March 9
    1. LAUC-R will discuss what they would like to do as an organization to remember & honor Christina Cicchetti.
  - ii. LAUC-R was notified by their UL that the budget cuts next year won't be nearly as bad as once thought, and they will be able to re-hire more vacant positions (staff and librarian)
  - iii. There is a newly-opened position for Head of Metadata and Technical Services
  - iv. The campus has a goal of reducing its carbon footprint, so will be looking to reduce the number of on-site employees - meaning some of the staff will be work from home permanently. Not sure yet what the impact will be on library staff.
- g. San Diego – L. McPhee

- i. Library Administrative team has identified 2 vacant librarian positions to fill.
- ii. Open Education Week is being celebrated with events.
  - 1. Organized with CALPIRG, 2 events, the links will be shared with the group.
    - a. Student Advocacy Event with Students for OA and CalPIRG and local Community College Faculty
    - b. On March 8, Faculty Panel. 3 from UCSD, 3 from UCB.
- h. San Francisco – M. Fang
  - i. The UCSF Library is pleased that our University Librarian Chris Shaffer was elected to the Friends of the National Library of Medicine Board of Directors.
  - ii. UCSF Library DEI initiative is moving forward. All librarians integrate DEI components into their core responsibilities and update their Statement of Responsibilities to reflect the new DEI efforts. The Statement of Responsibilities is required as part of the review package. Supervisors are taking a LinkedIn learning course on DEI.
  - iii. The entire first floor of the Mission Hall on the Mission Bay Campus, including library spaces, was closed for COVID 19 vaccination use. Library space of the Hub and Hideout at Mission Hall has been re-opened.
  - iv. The hiring exception for the position of Research and Technical Services Managing Archivist has been approved in addition to the position of Education & Research Librarian for Medicine and Pharmacy and Zuckerberg SF General Clinical Librarian.
- i. Santa Barbara – C. Busselen
  - i. There are several new hires in the Librarian Series
    - 1. Collection Strategist: Selena Chau
    - 2. Curator for CEMA: Angel Diaz
    - 3. Director, Collection Strategies: Katie Leach
    - 4. Director, Resource Acquisitions and Discovery Services (ReADS): Anna Seiffert
  - ii. There are two recent retirements
    - 1. Eunice Schroeder (officially retired June 2019 but has been on recall since that time)
    - 2. Sherri Barnes
  - iii. There are currently three open positions in the Librarian Series
    - 1. Middle East Studies Librarian & Area Studies Collection Strategist
    - 2. Electronic Resource Management Librarian (option for fully remote, including post-COVID)
    - 3. Director, Teaching and Learning
  - iv. Additionally, there is an Academic position that is not in the Librarian Series open
    - 1. Digital Humanities Research Facilitator
- j. Santa Cruz – J. Waggoner
  - i. Dual bylaws changes.
    - 1. Local COLASC membership charge states that chair and vice chair of LAUC-SC are on the committee. This charge will be

- changed to LAUC-SC members and not specific members. This gives LAUC-SC more flexibility.
2. Local bylaws did not mention COLASC membership, so they will be updated to reflect changes.
  - ii. Recent “share your work” brown bag which helped connect members with each other and their work. It was well-received and more will be planned.
4. Standing Committees
- a. CPG – C. Williams
    - i. March 12 is first meeting. I-Wei Wang from UCB has agreed to be the first vice-chair and will become chair next year.
      1. Will discuss the exclusion of UC-AFT from the review recommendations from UCLA at the first meeting
  - b. R&PD – R. Green
    - i. Applications for the second call were due to divisional committees last month and are due to R. Green by 3/6. It looks like the committee will be able to award all of our funds for the year. R. Green will be sending a link to the committee’s survey (measuring members’ professional development expenditures).
      1. **ACTION (Divisional Chairs):** Forward R. Green’s email that is forthcoming to your membership as soon as possible.
  - c. DEI – S. Chen
    - i. The next meeting on March 5.
  - d. Nominations – H. Smedberg
    - i. The committee has been formed, and self-nominations and recommendations are welcome.
      1. **ACTION (Divisional Chairs):** Forward H. Smedberg’s email that is forthcoming to your membership as soon as possible.
5. LAUC Reports / Updates
- a. Communications Group - M. Christensen
    - i. Looking at facilitating communications better.
      1. UCOP Listserv is in the works.
        - a. The committee is planning to subscribe divisional listservs so that the statewide committee will not need to keep track of every LAUC member.
      2. Slack for the executive board
        - a. Please add your campus name at the end of your name.
        - b. Looking into the options of adding divisions.
        - c. Each division can have a channel, but it cannot be nested within the LAUC statewide account.
          - i. LAUC-LA has a channel within the existing library channel. It is not heavily used.

- ii. LAUC-M has a channel within the existing library channel.
  - b. DOC – C. Johnson
    - i. The DOC Steering Committee was invited to the Council of University Librarians’ most recent meeting, where they discussed DOC’s charge and evolving role. DOC plans to create a set of principles after experiencing how useful the SILS principles have proven when making decisions.
    - ii. [Systemwide Print Collection Management Strategy Working Group \(SPCMS\)](#) returned to DOC to continue discussing their recommendations and plans. DOC has already approved the SPCMS Part 1 Report and Recommendations.
      - 1. The focus on the discussion was SPCMS’ proposed Engagement Plan, which is a high level document about communication to various stakeholders regarding the preservation of the UC collections.
  - c. SLASIAC – A. Swift
    - i. No report.
  - d. SCLG – B. Quigley
    - i. Official minutes from SCLG meetings are available at <https://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/sclg/meetings>.
    - ii. No new minutes have been posted since the last report. Discussions at the February meetings focused on license negotiation updates (including Springer eBooks, Sage, and Wiley), transformative agreement proposals, GOBI & MARCIVE cataloging initiatives to support SILS, and follow-up on the [LYRISIS Open Access Community Investment Program Pilot](#).
    - iii. Please contact B. Quigley if you have any questions or issues to raise with SCLG.
  - e. UCOLASC – M. Brennan
    - i. License negotiations were discussed.
    - ii. CDL’s budget news.
      - 1. The budget is looking less dire than was originally projected.
  - f. SLFB – H. Schiraldi
    - i. The next meeting is March 18.
  - g. AF Task force – M. Brennan
    - i. Announcement will come in a few days. The original kickoff session will be at the end of March, introducing APM-11. Perhaps a lunch and learn on a Thursday or Friday. (Get more from Marty or recording).
- 6. New business/Continuing Business
  - a. Discussion on Reopening Plans
    - i. Concerns over topics like HVAC systems and lack of operable windows, libraries opening without employees being fully vaccinated, lack of input from employees over reopening plans, interacting with patrons inside the libraries, hiring and training new student employees, enforcing mask rules with patrons, and questions about where the pressure to reopen is coming from.
  - b. Discussion on the length of the LAUC Assembly

- i. Consensus was reached as a two-day plan as half-days, perhaps as a Wednesday and Thursday or a Thursday and Friday.

**2:33 pm: Adjournment**