LAUC Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, October 7, 2010
2:00-4:00 p.m. by telephone conference call

LAUC President Michael Yonezawa called the meeting to order at 2:05.

Present: President Michael Yonezawa, Vice-President Mitchell Brown, Past President Lucia Diamond, Secretary Cynthia Moriconi, LAUC-B Chair Susan Koskinen, LAUC-D Chair Karl Kocher and Vice-Chair Deanna Johnson, LAUC-I Chair Kristine Ferry, LAUC-LA Chair Rhonda K. Lawrence, LAUC-M Chair Teal Smith, LAUC-R Chair Ken Furuta, LAUC-SD Chair Kymberly Goodson, LAUC-SF Chair Michele Mizejewski, LAUC-SB Chair Elaine McCracken, LAUC-SC Chair Nicole Lawson and Vice-Chair Annette Marines, Parliamentarian Dean Rowan, SOPAG Representative Bob Heyer-Gray.

A. Check-in (roll call) (C. Moriconi)

B. Announcements
   - Joy Shoemaker (UCI, Law Library) has volunteered to update the Guide to LAUC.
   - Letters have gone out to SOPAG for all-campus group appointments to CDC, HOTS, and the Resource Sharing Committee. The appointees are: CDC - Rebecca Imamoto (UCI), HOTS – Valerie Bross (UCLA), and RSC – Ramona Martinez (UCB). Each representative has been appointed for 2-year terms ending in 2012.
   - Cathy Palmer (UCI) will continue to be the HOPS representative for one more year. Next year HOPS & LTAG will need new representatives for 2-year terms ending in 2014.
   - The Shared Library Facilities Board representative, Wanda Jazayeri, has been appointed to a two year term ending in 2012.
   - Issues to be discussed at the first UCOLASC meeting on 10/22/10 were sent out. Michael Yonezawa will listen in via telephone, and will share the non-confidential issues of the agenda with the Executive Board.
   - Michael Yonezawa was asked, as the LAUC President, to participate in the upcoming CDL review to provide LAUC’s perspective.

C. Approval of minutes – September 2, 2010 (C. Moriconi/M. Yonezawa)

The minutes were approved by general consent.

D. Statewide Committees
   1. Nominating Committee
      Michael Yonezawa has appointed the two other committee members, who are Greg Careaga (SC) and Mary Linn Bergstrom (SD). Lucia Diamond, LAUC Past President, is Chair, and hopes to receive many suggestions for candidates.

   2. Committee on Professional Governance
      There are now representatives for this committee from each campus.

   3. Committee on Diversity
      All representatives have been appointed. Michael has not yet found a UCOP liaison for this committee. He’s requested current data (2009) about librarians from UCOP. This
committee’s charge will go out tomorrow.

4. Research & Professional Development Committee
Should a member of the R&PD Committee be allowed to apply for mini-grants or presentation grants? Some LAUC members have been reluctant to serve on the committee because they are unable to apply for grants for a two-year period. The argument was made that committee members would have an unfair advantage if they were to apply. After a spirited discussion, there was a consensus that the rules should remain as they are.

5. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elects for Committees on Professional Governance and on Diversity
Michael will ask each committee chair to recommend a committee vice-chair, to provide continuity as well as an opportunity to contribute more to LAUC.

E. Report on meeting with Council of University Librarians (M. Yonezawa/M. Brown)

Michael and Mitchell spent 45 minutes with the ULs group. The first topic was reviewing Distinguished Status, and as a group, the ULs endorsed the concept. They plan to charge a small group of library administrators and LAUC members to review the documents around this issue, to provide a systemwide view and find what’s common at the campuses, and to report out by January 2011. Rhonda Lawrence suggested that it would be beneficial to nominate librarians who have served on the campus committees that recently investigated this topic, and who have Distinguished Status themselves.

There was a discussion of re-thinking job descriptions as positions become open to incorporate new skill sets. Possibly some jobs, such, as doing reference work, should go to high-level Library Assistants. This has already happened in many places. The ULs were very interested in the charge for the Diversity Committee, and look forward to getting a clearer picture of who the UC librarians are as a group, to better prepare for future services. What are our perceptions of service, and of the quality of our collections? What variety of experience do our librarians have, particularly other jobs we’ve held outside UC and/or other degrees held? The ULs feel we’ll only get a clear picture by polling the membership directly. They are working on “strategic priorities” document, incorporating a vision statement, which they think will complement the survey nicely. Project management skills and training for them are also of interest to the ULs. There was a further discussion of UCALIS issues, such as lost collections.


Michael and Mitchell met with the LAUC-B Chair, the LAUC-B Past Chair and Berkeley’s CAPA Chair. They are recommending decoupling Distinguished Status from the salary scales, which UCOP told CAPA is a local decision. They are still checking to be sure there aren’t any other union or UC issues to address.

They had a very informative, mutually beneficial meeting. There was no intention that the Task Force’s report would be a systemwide guideline. UCB’s HR department is reviewing the proposed changes to verify that they are feasible.

G. SOPAG/SLASIAC (B. Heyer-Gray/B. Schader)
Michael reported on a brief e-mail received from Barbara regarding SLASIAC’s common interest in what UCOLASC was focusing on this year, e.g., several collections and scholarly communications issues, along with the very large issue of library budgets.

Bob reported that on 9/15 SOPAG met and discussed the Project Management Task Force report, reviewed their recommendations, and then submitted the report to the ULS. SOPAG met with the ULS in the afternoon. There are three reviews ongoing: the CDL review, the UC Press review, and the Libraries Review (SLASIAC Task Force). Not much detail is available on the last one. All three reports are due early next year.

On Day 2 SOPAG met with the all campus group (ACG) chairs. They heard updates from Tricia Cruse on UC3 activities (Merrit and EZID); from John Ober on the Shibboleth Task Force; and on the Project Management Skills Task Force report (now in hands of the ULS). They discussed the projects and issues that the ACGs should be working on for the next year. Bob does not know yet whether they will ask for comments when the three reports are distributed.

H. Assembly Update (E. McCracken)

The McCune Room in the Humanities/Soc Sci Bldg. has been reserved for Thursday and Friday, March 10 and 11. They’ll be working on the web pages for the Assembly soon. LAUC-SB has a Program Committee in place, and the Best Western South Coast has been selected as the hotel. Blogging at the Assembly has been popular in the past, and will continue next year. Michael Yonezawa has requested that UCOP create a delegate listserv, to provide clear channels for communication.

I. General Meeting/Assembly:

The Executive Board did some agenda brainstorming, discussing what topics the membership finds of most current importance. The theme for the Assembly will be “LAUC: The Next Generation”. There is interest in hearing the faculty’s views on issues such as scholarly communication. Perhaps a discussion of the SOPAG task force reports could be arranged. Chairs will go back to their local divisions and solicit suggestions for additional topics.

J. New Business

Rhonda Lawrence (UCLA) – The “Next Gen Tech Services Report” has gone to the ULS, but they haven’t released it yet to others. Rhonda is concerned that UCLA is not represented on the NGTS Task Force, although they have the largest Tech Services department in the UC system. The report may recommend consolidation of Tech Services departments across the UCs, as well as other significant changes. Since programmatic changes and new technologies are within LAUC’s purview for comments, she suggested that LAUC inquire about the report’s recommendations. Michael will ask when LAUC will have an opportunity to review the report. Action: Michael Yonezawa

Next month’s meeting will start half an hour later, at 2:30, but still end at 4.

K. Round Robin was skipped.

Rhonda Lawrence moved to adjourn, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:56.

Submitted by Cynthia Moriconi, Secretary