

Minutes: LAUC Executive Board Conference Call

Thursday, August 4, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 by Michael Yonezawa, LAUC President.

Present: President Michael Yonezawa, Vice-President Mitchell Brown, Secretary Cynthia Moriconi, LAUC-B Vice-Chair Nick Robinson, LAUC-D Chair Karl Kocher, LAUC-D Vice-Chair Deanna Johnson, LAUC-I Vice-Chair Pauline Manaka, LAUC-LA Vice-Chair Louise Ratliff, 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-SB Vice-Chair Chuck Huber, LAUC-SC Vice-Chair Annette Marines, Parliamentarian Dean Rowan, SOPAG Representative Bob Heyer-Gray.

Agenda

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

B. Announcements -

Michael thanked all the current members of the Board, who made this year “productive, successful and kept LAUC active and relevant”.

- R&PD Grants: UCOP did award all the R&PD grants that were recommended by LAUC. Announcements regarding recipients will be sent by Mitchell soon.
- No new information regarding “Distinguished Status”; the Council of University Librarians is waiting to hear back from UCOP on this issue.
- SOPAG & SLASIAC LAUC Representatives have been appointed. Cynthia Johnson (I) will be the SLASIAC representative, and Lynn Jones (B) will be the SOPAG rep. Also, Dan Suchy (SD) was re-appointed as the LTAG rep.

C. Approval of minutes - June 2, 2011 (C. Moriconi/M. Yonezawa)

Michael requested that his June 28 email be appended to these minutes. The minutes were approved as corrected.

D. SLASIAC - Library Planning Task Force

Davis and Irvine sent notes of their discussions of the SLASIAC Report to Barbara Schader, and those notes were also shared with LAUC. She will likely submit those to SLASIAC. UCLA held a discussion in which Barbara Schader took part. Barbara may be available if other divisions wish to include her in their discussions. It was noted that it was hard to respond to much of the report, because it is not a blueprint for action. Berkeley hopes to identify issues and recommendations that would directly impact LAUC members.

E. Committee on Professional Governance - Final Report

The report hasn't been distributed to the general membership yet. It comments and reflects on the SLASIAC report. Mitchell will discuss it at the Transition Meeting on Monday August 11

with the new board, so that they can discuss it with the divisions. Lucia says it points out how hard it is to find the LAUC wiki. The wiki should become a one-stop location for reports. Position Paper #5, *The Academic Librarian in the University of California*, could be updated in light of this report.

The Diversity Committee's survey should be completed by August 19. Only about a third of the membership has completed the survey, which will provide very valuable data.

F. Divisional Representatives to Statewide LAUC Committees

Michael requested that Divisions complete the process of finding new representatives as soon as possible, so that the committees can start work on time September 1st.

G. LAUC Transition Meeting - Monday, August 8, 2011 at UC Irvine

Both incoming and outgoing chairs of the Diversity and Professional Governance committees will attend to discuss those committees' reports. Michael asked the board to review the "Tips for Incoming Board Members" document, and add tips. Michael said he really appreciated people speaking up if they disagreed with him over the past year, so that he was aware of other points of view on some campuses.

The Committee on the Future of the LAUC Assembly will give a report at the Transition Meeting. The LAUC Award Committee and the Position Paper Review are outstanding and should either be dealt with or tabled. Also, Michael sent examples of a possible "Remembrance Page for LAUC Members" to Phoebe. He hopes that campuses would be able to easily submit information and remembrances about deceased LAUC members on the web page.

Mitchell has spoken with several people regarding transportation to the Transition Meeting. If you're driving you can use your campus' parking pass, even with a rental car.

H. New Business

Michael solicited suggestions for committee charges: Diversity will be continuing its charge from last year, and Professional Governance is ready for a slow-down after some very busy years. Louise asked if there's a way LAUC could become more involved with SLASAC and SOPAG. SOPAG has been reviewing its structure, but is holding off doing anything for now. The Shared Library Facility Committee has had no action for years, and Michael suggests that LAUC recommend that they are included in future discussions of shared collections when appropriate. It was agreed that communication from the representatives has improved and increased over the last few years.

I. Round Robin

B Levine's layoff, reported in the previous meeting's minutes, was revised to a 50% layoff (formerly it was 100%).

D UC Davis will be hiring 2 department heads and 3 other librarians. They've lost 4 department heads over the last 3 years, and haven't replaced any yet.

I Irvine is losing Holly Tomren, who is going to Drexel. John Novak has been named Acting Head of Collections. They are interviewing for University Archivist, and will hire a temporary grant-funded Information Literacy Librarian. UCI is also hiring a Metadata Librarian and Interlibrary Loan Librarian in their Law Library. The entrance level floor in Langson Library has been renovated, and the Science Library will be remodeled next. Judy Bube retired after 33 years.

LA UCLA is hiring 8 new librarians; most are temporary two-year assignments. One will be in charge of the new Research Commons. We agreed that it would be of interest to everyone if public announcements of new hires were forwarded on to the Executive Board list for distribution.

M Merced is waiting to hear if they will be able to hire.

R Ken Furuta reported that an article in the 7-29-11 issue of *CQ Researcher* on “The Future of Libraries”, focuses on UCLA. UCR is getting a 9% cut in operations budget, but no cut to the collections budget. Paul Atwood came from Berkeley with the WRCA Library, but has left UCR for a position as an IT manager at UCOP.

SD UCSD has closed the IR/PS and CLICS libraries. Collection weeding is taking place, and they will be installing lots of compact shelving. SIO Library will close in 2012-13.

SF UCSF is hoping to hire an archivist this year.

SB Sherry DeDecker, who has been Acting Co-UL, will retire at the end of September. UCSB will be searching for a Head of Cataloging and Metadata. Lisa Koch, UCSB’s Metadata Librarian, has resigned. The Technical Services Acting Head has left. Their new Life Sciences Librarian begins on September 1. Sylvia Curtis is retiring this fall. A new library fellow (intern) has joined the staff.

SC Nicole Lawson left for CSU Sonoma, and Paul Machlis, music librarian, retired. UCSC plans to recruit two positions, Technical Services and Metadata Librarian, and a Scholarly Communications Librarian (who will also have collection development responsibilities). The renovation of McHenry Library is complete. The new organizational structure has been implemented beginning July 1st. Reference desk hours have been reduced dramatically, and a co-located desk environment has been implemented.

The Board agreed that it’s getting more difficult to sell the University of California libraries as destination workplaces, in part because of salaries.

Michael thanked everyone for their service this past year, and the Board congratulated Michael on his excellent work as President this year.

Submitted by Cynthia Moriconi, LAUC Secretary

Next conference call date/time: TBD