

LAUC President's Report Fall 2006

I am pleased to share with you this update on recent LAUC efforts, along with information about LAUC initiatives for 2006-2007.

BSTF

Early 2006 saw LAUC members vigorously responding to SOPAG's invitation for comments on the [Bibliographic Services Task Force Report](#). Berkeley, Davis, Los Angeles and Riverside submitted written comments from their campus LAUC discussions to Jenny Reiswig, who collated/ summarized them, and then sent them forward to SOPAG:

<http://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/sopag/BSTF/LAUCResponseSum.pdf>

The other campuses did not hold separate LAUC discussions. Rather, librarian feedback was incorporated into their campus' responses to SOPAG. An [analysis by SOPAG](#) of all the BSTF responses is available. In his [Fall Assembly report](#) Tony Harvell, LAUC's Heads of Technical Services (HOTS) representative, highlights BSTF-related activities. In the coming year we can expect to hear from other groups as work begins on implementation of BSTF recommendations.

Instructional Roles Ad Hoc Group

In 2005 Terry Huwe gave the Instructional Roles Ad Hoc Group "broad authority to research the overall environment affecting librarian instructional roles". The group completed their work in spring 2006 and submitted their [report](#) to the LAUC Executive Board. The report concluded LAUC should not pursue advocating system-wide policy change with regard to modifying the language of APM 360-4c to include the word "instruction". Also, based on the survey they conducted they did not find evidence of a compelling argument to pursue review of applicable sections of the APM with an eye to designating the Librarian series as an Instructional Title. The group made additional recommendations that have yet to be acted on. The Executive Board will discuss them and to determine what action, if any, will be taken.

Scholarly Communication

Scholarly communication is an important topic among both librarians and faculty. In early 2006, the Academic Council Special Committee on Scholarly Communication (SCSC) issued [five white papers](#) addressing current challenges and opportunities facing scholarly communication. The white papers were accepted by the Academic Council and, with the disbanding of SCSC, will come under the purview of the University Committee on the Library (UCOL). In recognition of this UCOL will be changing its name to the University Committee on Libraries and Scholarly Communication (UCOLSC). Building on these white papers, the UC Libraries Scholarly Communication Officers Group (SCO) issued [three toolkits](#) in June 2006 to help librarians discuss the issues with each other and with faculty. As LAUC President, I serve as a consultant to UCOL. As they go forward with the SCSC white papers, I will be looking for opportunities for LAUC to be part of the cooperative effort between UCOL, SCO and the Office of Scholarly Communication to further address these issues within the University of California. You might also want to take a look at the Office of Scholarly Communication's [Reshaping Scholarly Communication](#) website if you have not already done so.

Meeting with the University Librarians

LAUC Vice President Bob Heyer-Gray (UCD) and I will be meeting with the University Librarians at the end of November. As this meeting will follow our Fall Assembly, we plan to share outcomes from the Assembly program on repositioning the UC Libraries as a destination place. My hope is that this will serve as the beginning of an important collaborative effort between LAUC and the University Librarians Group.

Myron Okada

Myron Okada recently assumed a new position at UCOP as a Labor Relations Consultant. In his previous position, Myron had long served as the LAUC Liaison to the UCOP Academic Affairs Department. In this capacity he regularly attended our Assemblies to report on academic personnel issues of interest to the membership and to answer our questions. LAUC also worked with him on the LAUC University-Wide Funded Research Grant program. We submitted our grant funding recommendations to him for approval and relied on him for guidance when we had questions. In 2004, LAUC passed a resolution recognizing Myron's dedicated service to LAUC and awarding him honorary lifetime membership in the Librarians Association of the University of California. He was presented a plaque to this effect at the 2004 Fall Assembly. I have contacted Provost Hume, who serves as Vice President for Academic and Health Affairs, to clarify who will now serve as the LAUC Liaison and hope to have that information soon. In the meantime, I hope you will join me in wishing Myron the very best in his new position.

Operational Issues

The 2006-2007 LAUC Executive Board met in person in August as part of the traditional old and new boards transition meeting. At that meeting we discussed division feedback on the possibility of cancelling the Fall Assembly as a cost cutting measure. Division response to this idea reaffirmed the importance of holding two Assemblies each year, not only for the purpose of conducting LAUC business, but also because of their value in giving a human face to LAUC and facilitating discussion and collaboration between the divisions. As an alternative, the Executive Board decided to forego their traditional in person meeting following the Fall Assembly to save money on lodging costs. The Executive Board will rely instead on monthly conference calls to conduct most of their business.

This fall several LAUC representatives to University Librarian advisory committees completed their terms of service. This provided a valuable opportunity for LAUC members to apply to serve LAUC on the Systemwide Operations and Planning Advisory Group (SOPAG), Library Technology Advisory Group (LTAG), the Shared Library Facilities Board (SLFB), and the Information Literacy Common Interest Group (IL CIG). We had great candidates for each of these positions; their names were forwarded to the UL Group and the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic and Health Affairs. I am currently waiting for responses from them regarding the final choice for each position.

I'm pleased to announce that the 2007 Nominating Committee has been constituted. Esther Grassian (UCLA) and Terry Huwe (UCB) are serving as Co-Chairs. The other members of the committee are Ken Lyons (UCSC) and Jennifer Reiswig (UCSD). They have already begun their

work drafting candidates for the LAUC Vice President/President-Elect and Secretary positions. You are welcome to contact any of the committee members to discuss running for either of these positions or to recommend a colleague.

The Committee on Committees, Rules and Jurisdiction has received their charge, which includes assessing the continuing viability of the currently prescribed standing committees and the possibility of relying more heavily on ad hoc committees and division committee structures for carrying out LAUC business. I see this change as a possible way to make better use of our person power across the membership given increasing workloads. We will discuss this at the upcoming Fall Assembly as a means of providing membership input at the beginning of the committee's work. I am looking forward to hearing division/member perspectives.

Spring Assembly Travel Support for Newer to UC Librarians

In the past, LAUC Presidents have paid the travel expenses of several newer librarians to attend LAUC Assemblies in order to gain a better understanding about the organization and its work. I will be reviving this practice for the LAUC Spring Assembly. More information on this will be forthcoming in the early 2007, so stay tuned.

I am very much looking forward to the Fall Assembly afternoon discussion on repositioning the UC Libraries as a destination place. If you are unable to attend the Assembly, I hope you take advantage of discussions on your campus to share your thoughts/ideas with your delegates. As much as possible, the Assembly discussion outcomes that Bob Heyer-Gray and I take forward to our meeting with the University Librarians should reflect the thinking of the entire LAUC membership. We are counting on your input.

Respectfully Submitted,

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