

END OF FUNDING PERIOD REPORT
LAUC Statewide Grants, Research & Professional Development Committee

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TITLE OF PROJECT: *2017 ACRL presentation-- “Navigating to a Sustainable Future: Academic Libraries and the Triple Bottom Line.”*

Time Period of Grant: *2016-2017*
Amount of Award Received: *\$420*
Original Abstract as Submitted:

Navigating to a Sustainable Future: Academic Libraries and the Triple Bottom Line

New strategic approaches are needed in order to position libraries as sustainable, socially responsible leaders. By holistically addressing three corporate sustainability dimensions (economic, environmental, and social), libraries can positively impact their bottom-line. Panelists will demonstrate how academic libraries play a crucial role in institutional transformative change. Recognizing economic incentives gained by streamlining operations, reducing carbon footprints, and ensuring an equitable, socially just workplace environment, empowers libraries to justify and embed sustainable values into their organization.

Summary & Current Status:

Over the past five years, the UC San Diego Library has undergone significant organizational changes. A part of the process included the ClimateQUAL Organizational Climate and Diversity Assessment survey. I served as Chair of the ClimateQUAL Implementation Team, which produced a report contains 15 recommendations and emphasizes the need for a holistic approach and a concerted and sustained effort from the library to create change. Over the last two years, those recommendations have been implemented, and we continue to evaluate how to incorporate sustainable practices into our library. For this panel, I will focus on the sociocultural aspects of the triple bottom line.

Our goal for the panel is to have attendees understand the concept behind the “triple bottom line” in order to implement best practices and new strategies at their own institutions; develop a keener awareness of local and global sustainability issues and trends, and develop strategies that both enhance and ensure the sustainability of libraries for current and future generations.

I. ACCOMPLISHMENTS and EVALUATION

- Describe what was achieved during the time period of the grant.

I attended ACRL for the first time, and presented on the panel on social sustainability. An added benefit was that I was able to attend many relevant sessions. One in particular was the ACRL workshop “Practical strategies for assessing digital library impact” which was perfect timing for work that I am doing this year.

- What aspects were completed as proposed? If your study could not be completed as proposed, explain how your plans were altered.

My colleagues and I presented in the panel, as proposed. We provided an overview of the triple bottom line, supplying sources. I specifically covered the section on social sustainability, pulling in examples of activities done at the UC San Diego Library.

- Did the project accomplish what it intended? Did it make a difference?
 - Include any relevant quantitative data, if applicable (e.g. How many individuals have benefited from this project? In what way? This may include various output measures such as circulation, reference transactions, program attendance, survey responses, etc. as appropriate.)

The program was well-attended by approximately 90 attendees. There were good questions at the end, and the presentation has been made available.

- Include any anecdotes, if applicable.

I did recently attend another conference, and another attendee recognized me from the ACRL panel. It was nice to have the opportunity to present on the work at UC San Diego and to extend the conversation with this person after the presentation.

- What would you do differently next time, if anything?

Nothing.

- What advice do you have for others applying for LAUC research grants?

It is a fairly easy process, and it was very worthwhile to present with my colleagues at a conference that I normally do not get to attend. There were some added benefits in attending with my UC San Diego colleague like sharing costs (hotel, transportation, etc.) and conference notes, so I am also appreciative that we were both able to attend as well.

II. IS YOUR PROJECT COMPLETED? Yes X No

III. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Please explain how the funds received were spent. Attach your original budget and indicate how well your estimates matched with actual expenditures. Receipts are not necessary.

The grant funds were used to help with travel costs to attend the 2017 ACRL Conference.

<i>Budget Summary:</i>			
<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Difference</i>
<i>Registration</i>	<i>\$390</i>	<i>\$530</i>	<i>+\$140*</i>
<i>Hotel</i>	<i>\$1000</i>	<i>\$359.34</i>	<i>- \$640.66</i>
<i>Flight</i>	<i>\$600</i>	<i>\$480.00</i>	<i>-\$120</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$1990</i>	<i>\$1369.34</i>	<i>-\$620.66</i>

**Non-member registration was a higher cost.*

IV. SHARING YOUR PRODUCT/RESULTS

What are your plans for disseminating the results of your work? If it will be a web page or product, or published article or book, when will it be available to the public? Include citations/URLs if known.

The presentation slides have been uploaded to the conference website--

https://s4a.goeshow.com/temp/handouts/427A9E3E-8A51-E511-B4CD-0025B3A62EEE/1737_ACRL%202017%20Navigating%20to%20a%20Sustainable%20Future_Navigating%20to%20a%20Sustainable%20Future%20Academic%20Libraries%20and%20the%20Triple%20Bottom%20Line_.pdf

We will also work on getting it into e-Scholarship.

V. NOTE

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