



LAUC-D's President's Report 2021-2022

September 10, 2022

I am pleased to report on the activities of LAUC-D for the 2021/2022 term. This report highlights significant events and initiatives. Further details can be found on LAUC-D's Website under committee reports.

Due to COVID-19, as an organization, LAUC-D pivoted to virtual meetings to adhere to safety protocols; however, during the beginning of 2022, we were able to partake and meet F2F (face-to-face) for two specific events.

LAUC-D General Meeting (December 15, 2021) Virtual

During the General Meeting LAUC-D, MacKenzie Smith, University Librarian and Vice Provost of Digital Scholarship, provided a presentation about Principal Investigator (PI) Status for Librarians. She also provided updates about initiatives or projects in the Library or across campus, the UC system, and the wider library world.

Due to the positive feedback we received from LAUC-D members regarding Ms. Smith's presentation, Ms. Smith suggested that we invite representatives from the UC Davis Office of Research to provide a more detailed presentation about PI status and the review process.

LAUC-D Support for the UC Library Strategic Plan (2022-2027)

January 2022

In 2021 the UC Davis Library reimagined our strategic plan by identifying diversity, equity, and inclusion as foundational elements of the project and incorporating these elements into the Library's daily operations and culture.

As the Chair of LAUC-D (2021-2022), I needed to get LAUC-D's support for the Library's Draft Strategic Plan (2022-2027). I recruited the following LAUC-D members to serve with me on the *LAUC-D Strategic Plan Adhoc Committee*: Michelle Polchow, Amy Studer, and Matt Conner. Committee members were (1) charged with drafting a letter on behalf of LAUC-D supporting the Library's Draft Strategic plan and (2) creating a Qualtrics survey gauging each LAUC-D member's level of support for the Draft Strategic Plan. Within the letter, the committee identified five key areas of opportunities where librarians' input would be valuable during the implementation phase of the strategic plan: *accountability, transparency, engagement, sustainability, and evaluation*.

Most LAUC-D survey respondents voted to endorse the letter of support written by the LAUC-D Strategic Plan Adhoc Committee. Drafting the endorsement letter took considerable time, but we are proud of the work we produced. LAUC-D's final letter

supporting the Library's Draft Strategic Plan was emailed to the Strategic Planning Chair and Co-Chair on February 3, 2022.

LAUC-D General Meeting (June 2, 2022) Virtual

Per Ms. Smith's suggestion, she contacted the UC Davis Office of Research and connected me to the director. He agreed that their Outreach, Training & Education coordinator would provide a presentation for LAUC-D about the IRB process. Ms. Stephanie Falwell presented on "The ABCs of IRB," and her presentation was well received.

LAUC-D Spring Reception (June 7, 2022) Shields Library Courtyard

In March of 2022, LAUC-D's Program Committee came up with the idea of hosting LAUC-D's Reception in person. For the first time in two years, the LAUC-D Spring Reception took place face-to-face in Shields Library Courtyard. It was a wonderful experience, and those who attended enjoyed gathering in person.

Standing Committees

Nominations & Elections Committee

Under Nancy Wallace's leadership, our elections ran parallel with LAUC's election, and we had a successful election process using Election Runner. Unfortunately, for the 2022-2023 term, there were several critical vacant positions:

- LAUC-D- Vice-Chair-Chair Elect
- Program Committee- Vice-Chair

We are still fervently recruiting for these positions.

RPAC

This was a slow year for RPAC, as only one person submitted for travel assistance, and due to unforeseen circumstances, that person decided to cancel their funding request. (See full report for specifics).

CAPA

CAPA had a robust year regarding librarian reviews. They also supported review packets to hire two new STEM Librarians. (See full report for specifics).

Program Committee

The Program Committee hosted the LAUC-D Spring Reception face-to-face this year, and the reception took place outside in Shields Library Courtyard. The reception was well attended. (See full report for specifics).

PIC (Professional Issues Committee)

PIC was not charged with any tasks from the LAUC-D Exec Board for 2021-2022.

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