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I am pleased to report on LAUC's activities for the 2015-2016 academic year.

### **Celebrating Librarians**

The initiatives for Statewide LAUC this year were designed around our theme of Celebrating Librarians. We strove to raise the profile and awareness of our academic and professional achievements amongst our members and the broader public. This coincides with the launch of our new website in summer 2015 and our desire to maximize its design and content potential. The Web Content Committee (WCC) chaired by Cody Hennesy in consultation with Julie Lefevre, our web manager, developed recommendations for workflows and content practices to highlight news of our members' achievements. We created a LAUC presence on social media, specifically Twitter @LAUCLibrarians and LinkedIn, as another avenue to gather and distribute relevant news to our members. WCC also worked with the LAUC Diversity Committee, chaired by Lia Friedman, on our regular "Meet our Members," feature which focuses on different librarians throughout the system. In previous years, the LAUC President invited new members to apply for funding to attend the LAUC Spring Assembly as a means of introducing them to the organization. This year, in keeping with our celebratory theme, new members were invited to submit poster presentations on a project or achievement of their own. Five librarians, all of whom have worked in the UCs for less than a year, presented their posters during the Assembly lunch break.

To enhance our web presence and promote our organization, a short paragraph about LAUC was added to the Wikipedia entry on the UC Libraries along with a link to our website. The primary audience here is the public, academics, and other librarians who may be interested in our structural model and organization.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University\\_of\\_California\\_Libraries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_California_Libraries)

The Fall 2015 LAUC Newsletter was distributed to the membership and uploaded to the website in December. It contains information about this year's goals, progress made on ongoing issues, and other news of interest. The Summer 2016 Newsletter was distributed and uploaded in July 2016. I would like to thank Carla Arbagey for her creative design skills and assistance. Please see complete Newsletters at:

<https://lauc.ucop.edu/sites/default/files/attached-files/newsletter-fall-2015.pdf> and  
<https://lauc.ucop.edu/sites/default/files/attached-files/newsletter-summer-16.pdf>

### **Task Forces**

Three task forces were formed in fall 2015 with charges that support our theme. In addition to the WCC, the LAUC Archives Task Force, chaired by Kate Tasker, reviewed the scope, policies

and procedures of our organization's archives to better suit our digital environment, ensuring that documentation of our achievements are properly recorded and can be easily retrieved in the future. They completed this successfully as documented in their March 2016 report and were officially discharged. However, the same team, led by Kate Tasker (UCB), was reconstituted as the LAUC Archives Implementation Task Force, and charged with carrying out the recommendations in their earlier report.

The LAUC Journal Task Force surveyed Open Access and other publishing behaviors of UC Librarians, and investigated options to assist LAUC members disseminate their work using e-scholarship or other OA systems. Instead of founding a new LAUC OA journal, they proposed assembling a hub for the scholarly and creative output of LAUC members. The task force was discharged in March, but most members agreed to serve on the new E-Venue team led by Dave Schmitt (UCSD), and charged with working with the Web Content Committee to execute the earlier recommendations.

### **New UCLAS structure and LAUC Reps**

The UC Libraries Advisory Structure (UCLAS) was reconfigured in November 2015, and the three Strategic Action Groups (SAGs) disbanded. The primary components of the new structure include the Council of University Librarians (CoUL), the Direction and Oversight Committee (DOC), the Shared Content Leadership Group (SCLG), Shared Services Teams, and Common Knowledge Groups (CKG). LAUC Representatives serving two year terms to specific teams are: Catherine Nelson - DOC; Becky Imamoto - SCLG; and Kristine Ferry - Shared Libraries Facilities Group. LAUC members will be active on the Shared Services Teams and CKGs. Susan Koskinen is continuing her role as the LAUC representative to the Systemwide Library and Scholarly Information Advisory Committee (SLASIAC).

### **Spring Assembly at UC Merced**

The 2016 LAUC Spring Assembly, held at UC Merced, was attended by approximately 50 LAUC members in person, and additional participants remotely. After UCM UL Haipeng Li welcomed the Assembly, we spent the morning session addressing LAUC business issues, focusing on the LAUC Position papers and an outstanding presentation by Dave Schmitt highlighting the LAUC Journal Task Force results from their survey of LAUC members' OA and publishing behaviors.

The poster presentations by five new librarians during the lunch break were well received by attendees. Members stated that this new feature should continue, though. Some noted that more time should be allotted in order to fully enjoy them.

Donald Barclay (UCM) began the afternoon session with a presentation on the UCLAS reorganization and the structure of the Direction and Oversight Committee (DOC). Afterwards, Special guest speaker Dan Russell, senior research scientist at Google, addressed the Assembly on "What Do You Need to Know? Learning and Knowing in the Age of Internet." Following his presentation, librarians broke into discussion groups to brainstorm the question: "How would librarians design Google?" and shared their ideas. Most attendees found this exercise very enjoyable and wished there was more time to explore the topic to greater depth. Many delegates arrived in Merced the day before the Assembly and were treated to dinner at a local restaurant which provided the opportunity to socialize and network with UC colleagues in a relaxed environment. Overall, feedback from the attendees on the Assembly was very positive – some expressed the desire to make them two-day events in the future!

### **LAUC Position Papers**

LAUC Position Papers LAUC Position Papers, which document our “association’s position on crucial, broad and recurrent issues relating to the work and mission of librarians in the University of California,” are subject to review every five years. In January our Committee on Profession Governance (CPG) gathered input from members throughout LAUC on Papers 1-4 for presentation at the Spring Assembly where we discussed and voted on their statuses. As a result, Papers 1 and 3 are now retired. Members voted to revise Papers 2 and 4 asking to keep their general principles without detailing specific procedures. Adam Siegel (UCD) chaired the task force charged with revising Papers 2 and 4 for membership discussion and vote in 2017. Position Paper 5 addresses the definition of librarians in the UC system, and will not be reviewed until the outcome and implications of any changes to the APM 360-4 have been settled.

### **Updates from 2014-2015 Business**

#### APM360-4

After receiving feedback from the membership, a revised definition of a UC librarian for the Academic Personnel Manual (APM) 360-4 was submitted to the UC Office of the President (UCOP) in September 2015. UCOP is now accepting comments on all of section 360 and 210-4 from LAUC members and others in the UC system during the current 90 day final review period.

#### By-laws Approval

Changes to the LAUC Bylaws, which were submitted to UCOP in 2015 and designed to clarify LAUC membership criteria, were approved by the UCOP Office of General Counsel in March 2016. The next step is for local divisions to reconcile their own Bylaws to maintain compliance with the new statewide changes.

#### New LAUC Travel Procedures

As of Fiscal Year 2015-2016, new travel procedures for all LAUC functions were implemented. This centralizes reimbursements at the Library Business Office of the current LAUC President rather than directly from UCOP. There were some kinks and challenges but they were eventually overcome.

Respectfully submitted,  
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