



OFFICE OF THE LAUC PRESIDENT

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I am pleased to report on LAUC's activities thus far in 2015-2016, along with information about ongoing business.

Celebrating Librarians

The initiatives for Statewide LAUC this year are designed around our theme of Celebrating Librarians. We wish 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 Hennessy in consultation with Julie Lefevre, our web manager, is developing recommendations for workflow and content practices to highlight news of our members' achievements. Planning is underway for a LAUC presence on social media as another avenue to gather and distribute relevant news to our members. WCC is also working 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, will present 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

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. I would like to thank Carla Arbagey for her creative design skills and assistance.

<https://lauc.ucop.edu/sites/default/files/attached-files/newsletter-fall-2015.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, was charged with reviewing 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. The LAUC Journal Task Force, under the Chairship of Laura Smart, investigated options to assist LAUC members disseminate their work using e-scholarship and other Open Access systems. They conducted a survey of members' publishing and OA practices, and will share their results at our Spring Assembly. Mid-year progress reports of all task forces can be found on the LAUC website.

Standing Committees

Beyond their standing charges, the LAUC Standing Committees are working on the following projects. Mid-year progress reports are posted on the LAUC website.

Dana Peterman and the Committee on Research & Professional Development is implementing a new presentation grant scoring sheet and funding criteria recommendations. They have proposed developing a brief video tutorial series for members on the grant application process.

In addition to their 'Meet the Members' project discussed above, the Committee on Diversity are investigating how best to share resources and collaborate across campuses, together with the WCC.

Chair Deanna Johnson and the Committee on Professional Governance have gathered input from the membership on the statuses of LAUC Position Papers 1-4. Our final discussions and decisions regarding these papers are scheduled for the Spring Assembly.

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).

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, all LAUC travel procedures are handled by the Library Business Office of the current LAUC President. Members travelling on official LAUC business should make their own arrangements and request reimbursement through their division's office. The divisional offices will then request recharge from the LAUC President's library business office.

Spring Assembly – March 21, 2016, UC Merced

The 2016 LAUC Spring Assembly is being held at UC Merced on Monday, March 21. Jerrold Shiroma (UCM) chairs the local planning committee.

Respectfully submitted,
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LAUC President 2015-2016