

March 19, 2018

TO: LAUC President, Carla Arbagey
FR: LAUC Committee on Professional Governance
RE: 2017-2018 Preliminary Status Report

Committee Charge:

General Charge

For 2017-2018, the Committee is charged with fulfilling its standing charge, Article VIII. Section 1.e.1:

- a. Advise the President and the Executive Board on issues that affect librarians, peer review, and other professional governance issues.
- b. Serve as a review body for Divisions who may request evaluation of local peer review procedures.
- c. Serve as a Bylaws review committee for proposed changes to the LAUC Bylaws and Standing Rules. Be available to review the Divisions' Bylaws for consistency with the LAUC Bylaws and Standing Rules, and to consult with Divisions on request.
- d. Address other subjects at the request of the President and consider and develop recommendations on matters of librarian professional governance.

Specific Charges for 2017-18

Conduct a review of LAUC [Position Paper #5](#), "The Academic Librarian in the University of California." This important position paper affirms the academic and professional status of librarians, and that librarians should have a voice in shaping the future of the UC libraries. The review should incorporate the opinions and feedback from all LAUC divisions. In the review, determine whether Position Paper #5 should be replaced with an updated version or retired. Given that this document affirms librarians' academic status, the Committee's review should also take into consideration whether the paper should also address academic freedom for librarians.

Summary of Actions:

As of March 19, 2018, the LAUC Committee on Professional Governance (CPG) has held one conference call and conducted an exchange of ideas and information via email with both committee members and other LAUC members to successfully complete the committee's general charge and specific charge for 2017-2018.

The Committee discussed how to conduct campus level discussions of LAUC Position Paper #5, "The Academic Librarian in the University of California." This important position paper affirms the academic and professional status of librarians, and that librarians should have a voice in shaping the future of the UC libraries. The review is working to incorporate the opinions and feedback from all LAUC divisions. Feedback will be gathered from roundtable discussion at the LAUC Assembly on March 23, 2018 at UC

San Francisco. A Google Doc form was created for online comments. CPG has received comments from several LAUC campuses interested in addressing academic freedom for librarians.

LAUC-SB contacted CPG to review revisions to bylaws and provide feedback and any recommendations. This is an ongoing task and should be an annual activity for all divisions.

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