



OFFICE OF THE LAUC PRESIDENT

President's Year-end Report

August, 2013

2012-13 year included completing projects, initiatives and beginning new endeavors or reorganizing ways of doing things. My report is a summary of activities during the year of LAUC committees, an ad hoc, a working group, and the changes to the advisory structure. For additional information, board conference call minutes are available on the LAUC website and the committees discussed post conference calls minutes on their individual websites.

The annual assembly took place on May 20th at the Young Research Library on the UCLA Campus. The day's activities focused on finalization the LAUC response to a document prepared by the Council of University Librarians in fall, 2012, The University of California Libraries Plan and Priorities FY2013-16. Eighty people were final registrants to the Assembly, present to develop the document to be forwarded to the Council of University Librarians (CoUL) in time for their June meeting. The morning session included a welcome by the University Library, Gary Strong, a short business meeting followed by a presentation by Elizabeth Cowell, chair of SOPAG (Systemwide Operations and Planning Advisory Group) giving background and explanation of the imminent restructure of the UC libraries advisory structure from groups of specific specialty, such as collection development to more broadly based groups organized to focus on strategic approaches for a set of operations or services. One of the purposes of the reorganization is to further the priorities listed in the Plan & Priorities document. The documents from the Assembly can be accessed at the following link:

<http://lauc2013assembly.weebly.com/>

Committees/Ad Hocs and Working Groups

The Committee on Professional Governance focused its work this year on the general charge to advise me and the executive board on issues affecting librarians, with a specific charge to develop a timeline for review of divisional by-laws slated for revision in the 2013 election cycle. Four divisions requested the CPG review their by-laws and to advise whether the proposed revisions complied with LAUC by-laws. The members of the committee were: Joe Cera (B), Melissa Browne (D), Dana S. Peterman (I), Ruby A. Bell-Gam (LA), Eric Scott (M), Michele Potter (R), Mary Wickline (SD), Yolanda Blue (Chair) (SB), Lee Jaffe (SC).

The Diversity Committee was charged to analyze data from the 2010-11 Diversity survey, to conduct a second survey this year, to analyze its data and to prepare a comparison of the LAUC surveys information and information gleaned from national and regional surveys. Their work was complex and multi-staged and should be complete shortly and a full report will follow. I anticipate that it will provide topics for discussion next year and beyond.

The Research and Professional Development Committee was chaired by Vice-President President Nick Robinson. The committee administered the grant application process, evaluated and recommended awards for research grants, mini-grants and presentation grants. A total of twenty-eight grant proposals were received for review. During the review process three proposals were withdrawn. Research grant funds available for the 2013-14 fiscal year were \$24,300.00 for librarians in the bargaining unit and \$8,100.00 for non-bargaining unit librarians. The Committee recommended funding grant proposals totaling \$29,523.45. Susan Carlson, Vice

Provost Academic Personnel on behalf of the UC Office of the President supporting the recommendations by the Committee to fund eleven grant proposals in the total amount of \$29,523.45. The campus breakdown of the 11 proposals to be funded is: UC Berkeley- 2; UC Irvine-3; UC Los Angeles- 3; UC Santa Barbara- 2; UC San Diego- 1. Names of Committee Members: Lisa Ngo (B), Jared Campbell (D), Linda Suk-Ling Murphy (I), David Gilbert (LA), Susan Borda (M), Michael Yonezawa (R) Duffy Tweedy (SD), David Owen (SF), J. Elaine McCracken (SB), Christy Caldwell (SC).

The Nominating Committee was chaired by past President Mitchell Brown and its charge was completed. Matt Conner was elected Vice-President-President-Elect, and Angela Boyd was elected Secretary. The committee included, Kristen LaBonte (SB), Ken Lyons (SC), Stephen Mitchell (R).

I charged a **Research Program Ad Hoc committee**, chaired by Vice President Nick Robinson with Julia Gelfand (I) and Lucia Diamond (B) to review the program and consider possible alternatives to the current process and procedures and to develop recommendations, including a revised timeline, suggested language to describe the program(s) and procedures. LAUC members and UCOP have commented that the timeframe between the grant application and the final award is confusing and difficult to navigate. This year seemed opportune to examine the process closely and propose changes. As the Office of the President is involved in the review and approval of the awards to applicants, we are awaiting a decision as to whether the program will be revised this year or will be implemented in 2013-14.

The **LAUC Outstanding Service Award Working Group** was charged this year to revisit a proposal to establish an award to a member for service to LAUC chaired by Mitchell Brown LAUC Past President with Michael Yonezawa (R) and Maureen Russell (LA). The working group was to focus its efforts on designing an administrative process for the award, source of funding, the nomination and award process. The working group's final proposal was received by the Executive Board, however the motion to approve the proposal failed. The work of this group, while not going forward at present, may be brought up at another time if the executive board desires.

2012-2013 Financial Report

In February, 2013 I submitted a proposed budget to UCOP. The LAUC budget includes allocations for the Research Grant Program for awards to represented and non-represented UC librarians; funding for the board transition meeting each year; funding for the annual LAUC Assembly; and, travel expenses for LAUC representatives to advisory group in-person meetings or telecommunications costs to remote attendance. In the proposal I requested additional funds for advisory group representative travel to meetings and/or telecommunications costs in anticipation of the restructure. The budget request was approved and has been allocated for 2013-14 fiscal year.

University Committee on Library & Scholarly Communication (UCOLASC)

From the UCOP website: *"The University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (UCOLASC) advises the President concerning the administration of University libraries in accordance with the Standing Orders of The Regents. Prior to May 9, 2007, UCOLASC was known as the University Committee on Library (UCOL)."*

The LAUC President serves as the LAUC consultant to the UCOLASC. It is one of approximately twenty-five Academic Senate committees. Each campus has a local Committee On Library and Scholarly Communication (COLASC), with the chair of each campus committee is part of the systemwide UCOLASC. This committee meets up to four times per year and one or more times with the University Librarians to discuss matters regarding the UC Libraries and scholarly communication. The major activity of UCOLASC in 2012-13 was the revision of the Open Access Policy and monitoring the process toward final approval and adoption of this final revision to the Open Access Policy. The announcement of adoption came earlier this summer *"The Academic Council's*

adoption of this policy on July 24, 2013, came after a six-year process culminating in two years of formal review and revision,” said Robert Powell, chair of the Academic Council. “Council’s intent is to make these articles widely—and freely— available in order to advance research everywhere.”

Advisory Structure Changes

As a result of the reorganization of the advisory structure several of our LAUC representatives’ appointments to all advisory committees ended this June: namely Michael Oppenheim (LA) the representative to Collection Development Committee (CDC), Louise Ratliff (LA) the representative to the Heads of Technical Services (HOTS), Jenny Reiswig the representative to the Library technology Advisory Group (LTAG), and Lynn Jones representative to the Heads of Public Services (HOPS). Their service to the committees is appreciated.

The Systemwide Library and Scholarly Information Advisory Committee (SLASIAC) remains and Cynthia Johnson will finish her term in 2014. From the UCOP website, the purpose of SLASIAC is: *“SLASIAC was established to advise the university on systemwide library policies and strategic priorities, on systemwide long term planning for the UC libraries (10 campus libraries + CDL) and on strategies to enhance and facilitate transmission of scholarly and scientific communications in a digital environment.”* During the transition meeting Cynthia mentioned that discussions by SLASIAC this year were dominated by open access policy, UC online education program, copyright and the CDL budget. Next year should include finalizing operational details of implementation of the approved Open Access Policy.

During spring, the Executive Committee reviewed nominations submitted by divisions for LAUC representatives to three Strategic Action Groups to replace the All Campus Groups and forward our recommendations of two individuals for each Strategic Action Group. The Council of University Librarians (CoUL) appointed Lisa Rowilson de Ortiz (B) as the LAUC rep to SAG1: Scholarly research & Communication; the LAUC representative to SAG2: Access, Discovery and Infrastructure is Susan Perry (SC); and the LAUC representative to SAG3: Collection Building and Management is Angela Riggio (LA). The SAGs work started in June, 2013. In August, the LAUC Executive Board and the representatives began to define the representative’s roles and responsibilities to LAUC. These include being mindful of representing professionals who report to a University Librarian, and those who work in a research center, ethnic studies center, or other affiliated UC library unit and do not report to a University Librarian; and the professional role and identify of LAUC and its members. It is anticipated that discussion and refinement of roles and expectation will occur.

Respectfully submitted,

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LAUC President, 2012-2013

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