

To: Gary Colmenar, LAUC Research and Professional Development

Committee, Divisional Chair

From: Janet Martorana, UCSB Library

Re: Application for LAUC Presentation Grant for 2013-2014

Date: 10 January 2013

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Amount requested: \$500.00

Project Title: Assessing Preferences for Collections Access: Poster Session

Poster session accepted at the LAUC-Berkeley 2013 Conference: Making it

Count: Opportunities and Challenges for Library Assessment, October 25, 2013

A. Summary and Current Status

Due to seismic retrofitting and fire safety requirements, the UCSB Library needs to permanently relocate up to 20% of the collections. To mitigate the on-site losses, it was critical to obtain information from faculty and graduate students about impacts of alternatives for accessing materials. In spring 2012, an ad hoc committee of faculty and student representatives was convened to advise the library. Working with a library support team of three in collaboration with the UCSB Social Science survey Center, the committee developed the UCSB Library Collections Survey, designed to answer two primary questions:

1. What are behaviors and preferences relative to accessing the Library's physical collections?
2. What are the perceived impacts to research and instruction associated with alternative access strategies?

The survey was distributed to all faculty and graduate students in May 2012. Based on the survey outcomes and data, several planning options were identified for achieving the needed reduction of the onsite collection with the least impact to research and teaching. The six broad strategies that we are using, and which we will detail in the poster session, are based on these planning options and are consistent with the survey data.

B. Timetable

Travel to UC Berkeley: October 24, 2013

Conference: October 25, 2013

C. Budget summary

Airfare: \$811, or driving costs with parking: \$500

Hotel: \$195

Meals: \$50

D. Bargaining Unit Representation
I am a non-represented librarian

E. Abstract of poster accepted for presentation

With the Addition and Renovation Project to begin in 2013, the UCSB Library faced an unexpected and significant challenge in 2011. Due to seismic retrofitting, the collection had to be permanently reduced by 20%, approximately 130,000 items, requiring the reshaping and reconfiguration of a major proportion of its physical collection.

To ensure the least amount of impact on research and teaching, it was essential to gather information from faculty and graduate students about current and alternative methods of accessing the collection. The Library, working with a faculty committee and the campus Social Science Survey Center, developed the Library Collection Survey in spring 2012 to assess user behaviors and preferences, and the need for, and value of, onsite collections. Based on the assessment of survey results, we identified six strategies for reducing the collection that were compatible with how faculty and graduate students use the collection. As a result of the information collected, the Library also anticipates developing enhanced user services that will mitigate reliance on offsite storage.

The poster will present the six strategies and other key collection assessment outcomes.

F. Sponsoring Organization

LAUC-Berkeley 2013 Conference: Making it Count: Opportunities and Challenges for Library Assessment
October 25, 2013, Berkeley, California

G. Other sources of Funding

I plan to use my 2013/14 LAUC-SB Professional Development Funds and/or personal funds to cover the remainder.