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LAUC President's Report, Spring Assembly

I am pleased to report on the activities of LAUC for the first half of the 2017/2018 term.

LAUC: The Next 50 Years

The year 2017 marked the 50th Anniversary of LAUC, and so our focus was on remembering LAUC's history and the achievements of its members. This year, we look forward to the future of LAUC, and will focus on how our organization can continue to serve the University of California, our campus libraries, and our librarians. This theme has manifested in several activities, which I will outline below.

Advisory to Statewide Committees

As LAUC President I attended the fall Council of University Librarians (CoUL) in-person meeting, and continue to attend meetings of the University Committee ON Library and Scholarly Communication (UCOLASC). A major focus of these groups continues to be open access, and how the UC libraries can address the growing cost of journal subscriptions. Both CoUL and UCOLASC have developed action-oriented plans, which were discussed during the February 2018 UCOLASC meeting.

LAUC Connect Program

Jill Barr-Walker, LAUC-SF Chair for 2017/2018, proposed that LAUC create a system-wide program that would help librarians across campuses connect and communicate. This idea was developed into the LAUC Connect Program, which will pair librarians based on their need: to connect with a librarian doing similar work, to share research or project ideas, or to provide mentorship for early career or new-to-UC librarians. A working group to launch this program was formed in January. The group has been working hard since then to survey the LAUC membership on their interest and to further iron out the program details. It is my hope that this program will help with retention of new librarians invigorate veteran librarians. I look forward to seeing their work continue and to the launch of the LAUC Connect Program later this year.

Review of "The Academic Librarian in the University of California," Position Paper 5

Part of looking ahead to the future of LAUC is to update our position paper that describes the role of librarians at UC. The last revision to PP5 was in 1988, and as librarianship has changed rather drastically since then, the paper is in need of an update. The major work of our Spring Assembly will be to discuss topics that PP5 addresses: qualities of librarians, new roles and job titles, professional activities, support for the university's mission, and the values of librarians. These discussions will form the basis of a revision of PP5.

Standing Committee Charges

In addition to their regular charges, the standing committees are working on the following projects:

- Research & Professional Development: review of the new PDF forms used for the grant process and development of a list of outside funding sources for research.
- Professional Governance: assist with revision of PO5 (see above); the committee developed the topics for discussion at the Assembly
- Diversity: continue to run the Meet our Members project, and consider whether to re-name the committee "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion."

Respectfully Submitted,

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