

TO: Rachel Green, LAUC President, via Jennifer K Nelson.

FROM: Allegra Swift, LAUC Representative to the Systemwide Library & Scholarly Information Advisory Committee (SLASIAC).

The SLASIAC charge, roster and meeting notes: <http://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/slasiac> (this page is not up to date. Requests for updated agenda, notes, and roster have been made). Greg Camfield, Executive Vice-Chancellor and Provost, UCM, continues as Chair of SLASIAC.

SLASIAC reports to the Vice-Provost for Academic Personnel and Programs (APP) at the Office of the President. Reporting structure:

http://www.cdlib.org/groups/docs/UCL_Conult_Structure.pdf

The Systemwide Library & Scholarly Information Advisory Committee (SLASIAC) meetings were held on Zoom in AY 2021-2022 on:

- Fall: October 07, 2021 (10 am – 3 pm)
- Winter: February 18, 2022 (10 am – 3 pm)
- Spring: May 06, 2022 (10 am – 3 pm)

The SLASIAC 22/23 meetings are:

- Fall: November 02, 2022 (10 am – 3 pm)
- Winter: February 23, 2023 (10 am – 3 pm)
- Spring: May 24, 2023 (10 am – 3 pm)

Upcoming meetings will take place at the Office of the President and Zoom participation will also be available for remote attendance.

In addition to the scheduled meetings, there are periodic calls for input and review, as well as meeting pre-reads.

Highlights from the AY 2021-2022

Project Transform and UC Transformative Agreements updates, agreements have increased to a current list of agreements that vary widely in detail. The updated webpages on the UC OSC site are helpful to consult and direct our authors to

<https://osc.universityofcalifornia.edu/for-authors/publishing-discounts/>

Ellen Finnie, the CDL Director of Shared Collections, retired at the end of this year and there were many tributes across meetings, including SLASIAC. Miranda Bennett is the new director [announced Sept. 1, 2022](#).

There's been a lot going on with copyright:

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Also consistent attention to research data with many interesting reports - read report, in the last meeting it was announced that Daniella Lowenburg, the University of California Curation Center (UC3) as a Research Data Specialist / Dash Product Manager, has taken a two year assignment as the Senior Advisor for Data Governance for the US Department of Health and Human Services.

<https://cdlib.org/cdlibinfo/2022/07/19/daniella-lowenberg-on-assignment-to-us-department-of-health-and-human-services/>

Council of University Librarians (CoUL)

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Fall meeting, October 07, 2021

- Eight pre-reads were circulated prior to the meeting, including the revised draft [Research Data and Tangible Research Materials Policy](#).
- **UC's draft policy on Research Data and Tangible Research Materials by Research Policy Manager Agnes Balla (RPAC, UCOP)**
 - Should libraries be better integrated into the policy? The [University of Minnesota Research Data Management policy](#) is often referenced as an exemplar (where libraries are entities assigned responsibilities in the policy). From the discussion, there were concerns about another unfunded mandate.
- **COVID Tracking Project National Database: UCSF partnership with CDL and Dryad** by the UC Curation Center (UC3) Director John Chodacki (CDL, UCOP). Chodacki gave Overview of this new addition to the UC collection and the partnership behind it. [UCSF news article](#), [Dryad blog post](#) and [The Atlantic press](#)
- **Project Transform update** was given by University Librarian Jeffrey MacKie- Mason (UCB), Ellen Finnie (CDL, UCOP), Günter Waibel (CDL, UCOP). Waibel discussed the

reactions at the 15th Berlin Open Access Conference (B15), Finnie gave a negotiations update, and the group relayed that there has been a concerning number of authors opting out of OA and there was some assessment underway to determine the motives. SLASIAC members agreed that Project Transform should continue to focus on understanding and reducing barriers to publishing open access. Members also called for continued communications on the immense benefits of open access vs. paywall publishing, for authors and readers; collaboration with Academic Senate committees was encouraged, including local outreach.

- **California Digital Library (CDL) Updates.** Associate Vice Provost and Executive Director Günter Waibel (CDL, UCOP) gave a persuasive update on the **CDL budget and staffing.**
 - The Office of the President (OP) recently lifted its hiring freeze, which was implemented earlier in the pandemic. CDL is now rebuilding to address its almost 15% vacancy. Temporary solutions will lessen the impact to CDL budgeting and grant support, neither of which can be paused, and re-hiring these positions has been prioritized.
 - When OP buildings re-open, CDL will be a hybrid workplace that supports fully remote employees. At present, 18 remote staff are outside of commuting distance (15 of which are outside of the state). CDL sees tremendous benefits to hiring US residents living outside of the state, as it creates stronger and more diverse candidate pools; at present, non-California remote hires require an exceptional approval within OP.
 - It's interesting to note that there was much pushback and Waible noted in the following meeting that there will be no more out of state hires/fully remote hires.
 - OP cut its budget in FY20-21 to address a significant budget shortfall; as a result, CDL lost its shared collections budget, including for licensed content and staffing. OP utilized one-time funds to cover the collections budget in 20-21 and asked the campuses to fund the budget starting in 21-22. A working group, led by Vice Provost Carlson, was charged to develop a cost share model and MOU to govern the reconstitution of the budget. With campus input, President Drake shelved the campus cost-share request and instead used one-time funds again in 21/22. President Drake also affirmed his goal to reinsert the CDL collections budget into the OP budget. With the state's decision to allow the University to reinstate the campus assessment model, stakeholders within OP have begun meeting to discuss how to constitute the CDL collections budget for 22/23.

Between meetings, on *Oct 21, 2021*, Provost Michael T. Brown sent an announcement that the **Vice Provost Susan Carlson was stepping down** from her leadership of Academic Personnel and Programs (APP) as of June 30, 2022. She will take up her faculty appointment in the Department of English at the University of California, Davis.

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Winter: February 18, 2022

UC Print Futures. Jim Dooley (Head, Collection Services, UCM); Alison Wohlers (Manager, Shared Print Programs, CDL, UCOP) gave a review of the collaborative action to preserve and provide access to print collections. S

NASEM Community of Practice. Vice President for Research & Innovation Theresa Maldonado (UCOP); Associate Vice Provost & Executive Director Günter gave an update on this recently launched community to advance Open Science and highlighted the UC's participation.

- National Academies Science Engineering Medicine (NASEM) hosted a roundtable on Aligning Incentives for Open Science at the University Presidents' Convening on Open Scholarship with the intention to lay the groundwork for launching a Community of Practice.
- (from Maldonado's slides) With the Community of Practice, NASEM seeks to:
 - Accelerate open science efforts across higher education and the broader research system
 - Create incentive structures, infrastructure and other support mechanisms to make open scholarship the norm
 - Challenges include faculty behavior and cultural implications
 - Storage is an issue for both raw data and process
 - UCOP's proposed delegation consists of:
 - VP Theresa Maldonado
 - Prof Mariann Martonne (UCSD and Academic Senate Rep)
 - Prof. Christine Cassel (UCSF and UC Health Representative)
 - AVP/ED Günter Waibel (Library representative)
 - Delegation will be confirmed by President Drake.

The UCOLASC Chair, Mimi Tarn, attended the February 18, 2022 meeting and discussed the UCOLASC's FAQ for UCAP on open access publishing (most questions are connected to academic review/promotion; it is not intended to be a comprehensive FAQ). Chair Tarn noted at the meeting, SLASIAC members were invited to review the FAQ and provide feedback to UCOLASC by March 4, 2022

Spring meeting: May 06, 2022.

SLASIAC Study Group check-in

- Expanded advocacy work for the California Digital Library (CDL) shared collections budget

2020 Study Group Report, *The UC Libraries: Collaborating for mission, leadership and efficiency* (for reference only)

Updates from engagements with CoUL, CFO Brostrom and CoVC.

- Greg Camfield (UCM, Chair): addressing stakeholders about ongoing CDL funding, successful in getting support and a “Set-aside” for the CDL budget. There will be many rough political battles ahead re: set-asides

CDL update: Associate Vice Provost & Executive Director Günter Waibel (CDL, UCOP) discussed

- the new location and that staff are back in-person and new NIH data sharing guidelines - Dryad has been included in a new [NIH initiative Generalist Repository Ecosystem](#)
- [eScholarship's 20 yr anniversary](#)
- [Ellen Finnie's retirement](#)

[Research Organization Registry \(ROR\)](#) Marial Gould (CDL)

- Introduction to and update on this grant-funded initiative co-led by CDL and community partners. There are opportunities for librarian training and promotion.

Systemwide assessment of the IT function: Consultation with SLASIAC

Camfield (UCM, SLASIAC Chair), Thalia Ghandforoush (Deloitte), Morgan Urschel (Deloitte)
Systemwide IT Function 2022 Assessment

- UCOP VP Van Williams has launched this assessment, to be conducted by Deloitte, and has requested that SLASIAC members participate in a group consultation.
- Camfield: staff are crucial for issues of continuity

[HELIOS](#): UCOP cohort

- Drafting guidance for students and faculty to clearly and succinctly articulate good practices for sharing specific forms of open scholarship (e.g., papers, data).
- Engaging with other key stakeholders (e.g., government agencies, philanthropies, professional societies, publishers) to align open scholarship policies and incentives.
- Collaborating with other institutions on shared resourcing and infrastructure.
- Identifying policy language that can be adapted and adopted by departments on our campus, and/or across the entirety of the institution.

Waibel (CDL, CoUL) for University Librarian & CoUL Chair Erik Mitchell (UCSD)
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(Principal Counsel, UCOP)

Office of Scholarly Communication (OSC)

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OSC update: Publishing, Archives and Digitization Director Catherine Mitchell (CDL, UCOP)

- <https://osc.universityofcalifornia.edu/for-authors/publish-your-book-oa/>
- Bringing a draft of DEI in scholarly communication resources to UCOLASC (authors of this subgroup are Catherine Mitchell, Allegra Swift (UCSD), Anneliese Taylor (UCSF), and Kerry Scott (UCSC))
- Changes to workflow in Symplectic Elements to include language that encourages CC licenses

University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications (UCOLASC)

- Wrote a letter to support permanent funding the CDL
- Working on FAQ for UCAP

Project Transform update

- Transformative agreements: convert subscriptions to oa publishing
- [updated page on the OSC](#)

[Next Generation Library publishing](#) - Catherine Mitchell (CDL, UCOP)

Update on this Arcadia-funded project co-led by CDL with Educopia, Strategies for Open Science (Stratos) and others.

Project Lend update

University Librarian and Vice Provost MacKenzie Smith (UC Davis, CoUL)

[Press release](#) pre-read: UC Davis Library and California Digital Library launch project to explore expanded lending of digitized books

Update on this newly launched Mellon-funded UC Libraries project to explore the lending of digitized books; currently in phase 1

AVP/ED Günter Waibel: 5-year leadership review

Vice Provost Susan Carlson (UCOP); Mitchell (UCSD, CoUL Chair)

Briefing on this recent review and process. Not at all a reappointment. Super positive review process. Comments during meeting reiterated his calming manner and coalition building skills

Celebration of and thanks to Provost Brown and Vice Provost Carlson. Camfield (UCM, SLASIAC Chair) led the comments. Both of these strong and positive presences and allies will be missed.