

## **LAUC President's Report**

Spring 2008

In keeping with my earlier stated plan to focus the LAUC Assemblies on programs, the Spring Assembly again contains primarily presentations, presentations that are intended to be thought provoking and that will hopefully engage those of us assembled here in meaningful discussions. The three main themes of the presentations are broadly the future of libraries/library technologies, the future of bibliographic control, and new Open Access models. All three are looking to the future and will I hope help us in our own discussions, be they at the statewide level or at the local level, of where we see libraries and librarianship headed. I truly look forward to the three speakers' presentations and the ensuing discussions.

### **LAUC Bylaws Revision redux**

The LAUC bylaws revisions of 2007 are still in UCOP's hands. The most recent delay having primarily to do with the University/AFT negotiations, the potential outcome of which might have led to a revised role for LAUC and the need for additional bylaws revisions. With the AFT ratification of the MOU that should no longer be a stumbling block and perhaps the bylaws and newly created standing rules can be instituted. It might very well be that the bylaws ratification/approval process will spill over into the next President's term.

### **Dynes Letter**

Speaking of negotiations...I would like to think the letter to UC President Dynes from LAUC (and shared with the ULs and campus chancellors) at the beginning of the negotiation process between the University and the union had at least some small part in keeping intact LAUC's role in the peer review process. I would like to thank my fellow members of the executive board in helping craft the strongest possible letter.

### **LAUC Committee Charges**

Both the Research & Professional Development and the Diversity committee received special charges this year and we will be hearing updates from the chairs of both of them today.

### **UCOLASC (University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication)**

UCOLASC has had two face-to-face meetings thus far and as mentioned in my report for the Fall Assembly; the committee is focusing its energy on a number of area/initiatives: The subvention policy for support for first time books is still a work in progress, with some disagreement on how narrowly focused or flexible the policy should be. A small editorial board is being created for the Office of Scholarly Communication website (Reshaping Scholarly Communications). The board will consist of two Scholarly Communications Officers (SCOs) – Margaret Philips (UCB) and Brad Eden (UCSB) –

and two UCOLASC representatives - Claudia Rapp (UCLA) and Phillip Walker (UCSB). Look for the recent NIH OA policy and Harvard OA resolution to be incorporated soon. Given the failed attempt by the Senate to pass a UC open access policy last year, the OSC is now re-drafting a policy along the lines of the Harvard resolution. Members of UCOLASC are in the process of drafting a statement of principles on the open access issue to inform the process.

### **UL for CDL Search**

While I would have liked to have been able to report at the Spring Assembly that a new head of the CDL was in place that is not currently the case. Three very qualified candidates were brought in for on-site interviews in March after making it through the initial rounds of interviews with the search committee. The positive news is that as of this writing, we are in negotiations with one of the candidates. The experience of working with the search firm Isaacson Miller and with a search committee comprised of ULs, CDL members, and Senate faculty with input from Gary Lawrence at UCOP was less daunting than one might imagine and in the end, we all agreed on the three most qualified candidates.

### **Spring Assembly Travel Support**

I am very pleased that I was able to support the travel of four librarians to attend the Spring Assembly in Irvine. The four are:

Judy Kammerer, UCSF  
Josh Schneider, UCB  
Kai Yu, UCB  
Nicole D. Lawson, UCSC

I hope all four find the LAUC Assembly a rewarding and enriching experience and would like to thank them for their interest in LAUC statewide activities.

### **Thanks**

I would again like to thank the LAUC Statewide Executive board for all their invaluable input and advice over the year. They have all truly helped me keep everything on track. While I am singing praises, I really need to express my gratitude to LAUC-I and the Assembly planning committee on the Irvine campus for making sure this Assembly came together. Without their vigilance and organizational ability, we probably wouldn't be here today.