TO: Nick Robinson, LAUC President

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RE: SLASIAC Report, April 4, 2014

SLASIAC has held two meetings in AY 2013/14. Both were in-person meetings in Oakland, one on October 24, 2013 and one on April 3, 2014.

All meeting notes can be found at
http://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/slasiac/meetings

Highlights from the AY 2013/14 SLASIAC meetings include:

The previous Chair of SLASIAC, Gene Lucas (Executive Vice Chancellor of UCSB), retired in December 2013. Scott L. Waugh, Executive Vice Chancellor of UCLA, became SLASIAC's chair as January 20, 2014.

UC Open Access policy
The UC Open Access Policy continues to be regularly discussed and Catherine Mitchell has reported at both meetings about CDL's implementation. Her presentation has included information on letters sent out to inform publishers, and demonstrations of the article submission process. At the April 3rd meeting she was able to provide statistics about how much uploading had occurred since the policy went into effect at the three pilot campuses (UCLA, UCI, and UCSF) as well as information about the chosen harvesting tool, Sympletic Elements. So far, the three pilot campuses are not showing a lot of deposits, but based on the experiences of other institutions who have implemented OA Policies, this is expected to change with the implementation of Symplectic Elements. CDL originally received a budget augmentation of $115,000 for initial support for the automated harvesting tool that will be used for the UC Open Access Policy. They are requesting another budget augmentation of $280,000 to continue to support the Open Access Policy.

Also discussed in SLASIAC with regards to Open Access were the UC Libraries' grants to support Open Access publishing. The initial funding of $10,000 per campus was provided by UC's California Digital Library, and the campuses provided matching funds. In the April 3, 2014 meeting it was reported that all funds were spent out. Each library chose to use the funds in different ways. UCSF provided funding to subsidize up to $2,000 per article published in a fully open access journal and up to $1,000 in a hybrid journal (where authors can choose to make their articles open access). UCLA, in comparison, used the initial funding to launch an "affordable course materials" initiative that helps identify open access publications.

The Presidential Policy, which would require Open Access for UC authors not in the faculty senate, has also been discussed in SLASIAC.

CDL Updates
Laine Farley provided an overview of CDL projects and spoke about the CDL budget. At the April 3, 2014 meeting, the budget discussion revolved around the change in how UCOP is funded, which has led to the need for regular justifications for CDL's budget. With President Napolitano's plan to flatten the UCOP budget, CDL is expected to have a budget cut, which they plan to meet by not filling vacancies and reducing travel and training. At the April 3, 2014 meeting, the news provided was that the cut would not be as severe as they had originally expected.

Council of the University Librarians (CoUL) Updates
Lorelei Tanji provided examples of CoUL's themes and priorities for the UC Libraries, including plans to retain a print copy and electronic copy of US Government Information; Shared Print collections and coordinating a systematic de-duping of the RLFs; a pilot for demand-driven ebooks; a UC digital collections project to help expose special collections.

Office of Scholarly Communication
SLASIAC reviewed the proposal for an Office of Scholarly Communication and are currently considering how best and at what level SLASIAC should be involved with OSC.

UC Press Update
Alison Mudditt discussed the evolution of the Press from a "boutique" publisher or print materials to a digital publisher. The strategy is to tie the brand of UC Press to the UC more broadly and leverage their position with the UC. They plan to develop new digital products, tools and services. The Press has three core strategies: (1) create & store content going forward as well as converting their back-file so that they can publish flexible digital products; (2) build metadata capabilities to support discovery and management of the individual components that make up a published article; (3) acquire digital content in key areas. She used Anthropology as an example: ethnographies can be made up of videos, oral recordings, and transcripts. The Press wants to capture all these types of objects and produce them in a digital environment.

Copyright
The UC Copyright Ownership Policy Working Group have been working on revising a variety of policies. A revised UC Policy on Copyright and Fair Use has been distributed for review. It will be going out for a systemwide review in the near future. The UC Copyright website has been completely updated and revised and will continue to be updated regularly.

At the April 3, 2014 meeting the final agenda item was a discussion of future topics for SLASIAC to engage in:

1. Data curation: SLASIAC members felt the need discussion, and that there should be more oversight and policies. They wondered what system-wide groups have authority over this topic (it is a topic also being discussed in UCOLASC).

2. Online education" what are SLASIAC's and the libraries' roles to support online education. It was noted that the President Napolitano public comments about online education indicate that this topic may not be worth pursuing at this point.

3. External funding and funders: there is interest in UCOP in creating alternative funding streams. Are there ways to fund small pilots, for example?

4. Space: what do we see long term for campus space versus RLF space.