Scholarly Communications Officers Conference Call  
Friday, February 3, 2006

Attendees:  Gail Yokote (D), Co-Chair, Susan Starr (SD), Co-Chair, Cindy Shelton (LA), Janet Carter (LAUC), Lorelei Tanji (I), John Ober (OSC), Margaret Moody (SB), Margaret Phillips (B), Gail Persily (SF), Beth Remak (SC), Donald Barclay (M).

Absent:  Catherine Candee (OSC), Rhonda Neugebauer (UCR)

1. Campus reports on distribution of SCSC white papers

San Diego and Santa Cruz have distributed the white papers to 7 different Academic Senate Committees. Irvine has sent them to 5 of their Councils, and the Academic Senate Committee on Libraries at UCLA is scheduled to discuss the papers at their March 7 meeting. The University Librarians have been invited to comment and are planning to do so, individually. SCO agreed that it would be useful to send a statement to the committee indicating our willingness to assist in implementation of the proposals contained in the white papers.

ACTION: Ober will draft a statement for SCO to send to the SCSC.

2. Report from subcommittees on progress in creating librarian toolkits

a. Scholarly Societies: a mockup web page has been created. SCO liked the page and recommended that the “score card” be available as a pdf so that it could be printed out and distributed separately.

ACTION: SCO members should send examples of societies to include in the scorecard (keeping in mind that it is not intended to be a comprehensive list) AND examples of people to be listed as possible contacts on the page.

b. Copyright: a mockup page has been created. SCO suggested some reformatting of the page, adding a pdf of the FAQ so that it could be distributed as a handout, and that the section with people be deleted

c. Economics: this is more of a background issue. Text for faculty on this topic is already available on the OSC site. SCO discussed whether leaving this as is, to provide a ready collection of points for librarians, was valuable or whether it should be turned into a dynamic bibliography. Tanji and Shelton will continue to consider this issue.

d. All page titles should be changed from Toolkit to Resource Guide in order to incorporate the variations in approach.

ACTION: Final drafts of the toolkits should be available for the SCO March 3 conference call.

3. Review of transformative criteria in “UC Library Investments in Transformative Scholarly Communication Models”

JSC will be taking the transformative potential of new resources into account when making recommendations to CDC. SCO will be contacted for their advice in this area as needed. SCO reviewed the criteria in the above document and recommended adding
 interoperability to the indicators for judging whether a product has the potential to be transformative of scholarly communication, adding support for innovative forms of peer review or quality review, and adding support for new publication modalities. A small CDC task force (Ivy Anderson, Lucia Snowhill, and Gail Yokote) is drafting another version of the “Merged Principles” documents to include a specific section on transformative potential which will include the SCO’s suggestions.

4. ACRL Workshop on Scholarly Communication

Cindy Shelton reviewed a proposal to hold a post conference workshop tentatively titled “Implementing and Managing an SC program: The UC Libraries as a Case Study” SCO endorsed the concept and Yokote, Persily, Starr, Remak, and Ober agreed to participate.

ACTION: if others are interested in participating, they should contact Shelton.
ACTION: Send Shelton further ideas on panels or topics to include.

5. Round robins

OSC: will be assisting Bergstrom in updating his journal effectiveness site
UCSF: has created a scholarly communication brochure. Copies will be distributed to SCO.
UCSC: a speaker from Anthro Source is coming to talk to the librarians and faculty in the spring.
UCLA: the library will provide a “copyright help line” in winter. It will be advertised to participants in the fall scholarly communication workshop and UCLA will analyze the kinds of questions submitted.
UCI: still considering if they will hold a spring scholarly communications event. They are open to cost-sharing for speakers
UCSD: continuing their scholarly communication lunch series.

Next call will be March 3, 2006, 10-12 p.m.
Items: Speakers bureau
Final review of toolkits
Response on BSTF task force report.