Meeting Notes 2010 October

SCO Conference Call notes

October 6, 2010

Attending: Margaret Phillips (B), Bonnie Tijerina (LA), Barbara Schader (R) Martha Hruska (SD), Brad Eden (SB), Beth Remak (SC), Anneliese Taylor (SF), Karen Andrews (D), Joanne Miller (CDL), Susan Mikkelsen (M), Lorelei Tanji (I)

Note taker: Riverside

1. Announcements – all

- Susan - UCM is now a supporting member of SPARC
- Martha - Catherine Mitchell was going to provide an update for eScholarship but since she can not be at this meeting, she will send an email update.

2. Open Access week planning – all

- UCD - Karen sent out a poster for Open Access Week. UCD has a whole week of activities planned; Martha asked if they would be recording their speakers. Karen mentioned there was talk of simulcast to other campuses but does not think this was finalized. UCD OA planners are also working with Students for a Free Culture.
- Merced – keeping activities to bare minimum. They are publicizing through the spotlight on their webpage and through digital signage in many locations.
- UCLA – focusing on grad students. They have a panel of scholars, technologist & Librarians discussing what OA means to their work and a Q&A and reception following this colloquium. This will be recorded. The movie Copyright Criminals (60 min) will be shown. Note that there is a library viewing kit allowing libraries to show this movie. There will also be a session on Creative Commons, Author Rights & Copyright and a webcast from SPARC during the week. UCLA has other plans for faculty and this will be done at a different time. The library is partnering with Information Studies students;
- SD – hosting 1 luncheon event with Philip Bourne; they are going slowly and simply as have had very low turnout in previous years. Have tried to provide outreach to graduate students.
- SC – Great deal of interest on campus as they are having faculty talking about their own research! They are very excited about this. “How do faculty make their research accessible?”. Signage will be provided as well as handouts. Faculty will be discussing beginning projects, their experience with eScholarship, etc.
- UCSF – continuing what was done in previous years - have a table in the Courtyard – have SPARC T-shirts (last year people loved the PLOS Tshirts); Many students stopping by. UCSF had hosted an event previously which had such a low turnout that they too are being careful about how much time is devoted to OA week.
- I – table out on ring mall. They will be doing this the week following due to booking conflicts and grad students will be available in greater numbers.
- UCSB – Faculty panel discussion on 10/20. Two faculty will be discussing what they are doing with OA and it will be moderated by the EVC.
- Martha & Karen agreed that the week designated is pretty random and if one wants to do OA stuff at other times that should be fine.
- Beth indicated her faculties are interested in how to make huge datasets accessible.
- Martha suggested inviting Patricia Cruse to discuss datasets, Merritt, and how to share at an upcoming SCO meeting.
- Webcast on Monday (15-20 min) from Harold Varmus. Bonnie said this would be pre recorded so it can be shown at any time.

ACTION ITEM: Margaret suggested we continue to post OA week information on the wiki. Next meeting we will report out on our experiences.

3. Discounted OA author fees on Reshaping Scholarly Communication web site http://osc.universityofcalifornia.edu/alternatives/submit_work.html

- Martha (see also attachment submit_work_former_version.docx

Martha stated Joanne helped a great deal to reformat the Reshaping Scholarly Communications page. Previously there was an additional page highlighting specific OA journal agreements and discounts available systemwide: NAR, one of the OUP titles, etc. Berkeley has a page covering this. Martha wants to revive that systemwide page. Berkeley’s page could be a model.

Martha discussed this with Ivy and Ivy stated someone in her office could provide update information as they will have the most accurate information. Joanne offered to keep in touch with CDL on these updates. It was noted that there are very few titles involved – perhaps 5 or 6.

4. Update on Berkeley Research Impact Initiative (BRII) - Margaret

BRII is cosponsored by the Library & Vice Chancellor for Research and pays to help faculty, grad students, and post docs make their articles OA (fees up to $3000 for OA publishers and up to $1500 for “hybrid publishers.”). Beth Weil is brains and brawn behind this endeavor. BRII is no longer a pilot but a fully approved program. As of this summer, 94 articles have been approved and 51 reimbursed; 17 departments participated, 30 different journals were involved as well as 14 publishers. A ceiling for lab groups has been developed as certain groups applied multiple times.

Applicants are asked to verify that they don’t have extramural funding available on the forms and the Library takes their word for it. This is for people who are in fields where grant funding is often not available. Emeritus faculty and grad students also make use of the program. This program has provided opportunities for many campus conversations about scholarly communication models.
Anneliese asked if any problems were experienced with going over budget. Margaret said she did not know but will ask Beth. Library Funds were a combination of collection funds and discretionary UL funds.

All are interested in seeing results of Springer OA survey, even if this will not provide information on those faculties choosing to do OA on their own.

Karen suggested Berkeley gather data from their faculty who have participated in BRII to see their thoughts on the program and their needs. This would be important information for other campuses who are trying to decide if they can afford a similar program.

Martha suggested once we have the Springer and BRII data, we may want to explore a similar CDL/systemwide program.