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SCO Conference Call Notes

August 17, 2011

Attending: Margaret Phillips (B, co-chair), Martha Hruska (SD, co-chair), Mary Wood (D), Mitchell Brown (I), Susan Mikkelsen (M), Barbara Schader (R), Joanne Miller (CDL), Catherine Mitchell (CDL), Jackie Wilson (CDL), Angela Riggio (LA, notes)

1. Announcements

i. There is still no decision about a SCO representative replacement for Brad Eden at UCSB; Margaret and Martha will let the group know when a replacement has been chosen.

ii. Housekeeping: need to catch up with posting SCO notes on the website; Barbara has posted the SCO Charge on the wiki; it will be posted to the website soon.

2. Approval of July minutes

July minutes were approved.

3. More on UCPubS (Catherine)

Catherine is working to identify a print-on-demand (POD) vendor to fulfill services supplied by UCPubS. Catherine is talking to Lulu and Create Space; however, she has experienced some difficulty contacting them. This raises concern about the ability of potential POD partners to respond effectively to UC customers. CDL does not have the resources to maintain support between the vendor and clients; whatever vendor is chosen must have a clear support model in place. Laura Cerruti is working with current eScholarship clients to upload any straggling latest issues into the system; UCPubS will continue POD support until end of this year. Laura Cerruti will no longer be with the Press as of 9/2.

Discussion about the impact of the loss of POD services and the relationship of the Press with CDL. Catherine noted that there are only 12 POD clients UC-wide---an important contingent, but actually a relatively small
percentage of the entire eScholarship clientele. It is hoped that in the future SCOs will be able to better engage with the Press. The SCOs must approach upcoming work with an eye to future relationships with the Press.

eScholarship is proceeding with the transition to a new submission system in September. There will be a training opportunity for eScholarship clients as well as for UC librarians (who are encouraged to sit-in on this session). Catherine will send out information when it becomes available. The training session will be archived.

A question was asked about picking up on the undergraduate publications issue; Catherine reiterated the need for SCOs to talk to constituents about eScholarship services and to solicit widespread participation.

Mitchell noted that he has a few groups interested in joining eScholarship; Catherine advised that it is best to contact help@escholarship.org to initiate eScholarship participation, especially while CDL puts finishing touches on the new system. UCI’s potential contributors are interested in uploading data from Merritt. Catherine noted that a joint data publication solution is an area eScholarship is eager to develop.

UCSD is planning to deposit ETDs into eScholarship soon.

4. Update on SCO Charge (Barbara) and next steps

Barbara has posted the final version of the SCO Charge to the Wiki. She noted that there had been no feedback or comments from SCOs on this version.

Martha commented that since the Charge will affect our work plan for the rest of the year, SCOs must spend time zeroing in on some of the Charge’s goals, on setting timelines, and prioritizing tasks.

**Action Item:** add as an agenda item for the next SCO meeting.

Question as to whether SCOs need to submit an annual report: Barbara felt that either way, it is an important thing to do; Martha noted that the Charge can be used as part of the goal-setting process for next year.

**Action Item:** Take this issue up for next month’s agenda; Margaret, Susan, and Martha will try to draft something “lightweight” to serve as a beginning for an annual report.

5. More on Wiley Open Access---guidance from CDC (Jackie)
Discussion about Mitchell’s posting to SCO list (Wiley).

**Action Item**: SCOs should discuss with home libraries; some of this information to be posted on Wiki; placed on next month’s agenda to discuss/weigh-in.

Jackie will get responses to SCO questions: 1. verify the titles question--morphing titles or all brand new titles (being fed by other content); 2. how long is proposal good for; 3. will a discount apply for Tier 2-like participation.

6. Faculty Open Access Policy Updates (all)


Martha: Brian Schottlaender commented that the UCs have still not yet taken a stand on OA policy; he will get the issue on the UL’s agenda so they can take it up with each campus’s Academic Senate. SCOs might be able to help draft such a policy.

Margaret: UCB’s Academic Senate said they would be working on a policy “in the summer.”

Susan: Jim Dooley (Merced) clarified that current members of Coapi (Coalition of Open Access Policy Institutions) were invited to join based on an existing OA policy. The UC would have to approve a campus-wide OA Policy, but could individual campuses participate if they approved OA policy on campus level?

Martha: There is a need for clarification; if some campuses adopted OA, perhaps the idea would catch on. No immediate next steps for SCOs; be at the ready to ask ULs what role SCOs can play if the OA policy issue is raised.