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SCO Conference Call
October 19, 2011

Attending: Margaret Phillips (B), Mary Wood (D, notes), Diane Gurman (for Angela Riggio) (LA), Barbara Schader (R), Martha Hruska (co-chair), Sherri Barnes (SB), Katie Fortney (SC), Joanne Miller (CDL), Catherine Mitchell (CDL), Jackie Wilson (CDL)

Not Attending: Taylor (SF), Mikkelsen (M), Brown (I)

Meeting opened at 1:05pm

1. Announcements
   • CoUL Scholarly Communications priorities
     A key feature of the forthcoming UL priorities document is scholarly communication. Perhaps this is an opportune time for the SCOs to support the ULs in their work with their academic colleagues to further the issue, to encourage faculty discussion and adoption. The two documents forwarded (10/19/11) to SCO by Joanne provide insight as to recent discussion and current perspective: Scholarly Communication Update for UCOLASC (10/12/11) and Draft White Paper on Scholarly Communication – Roles and Responsibilities (prepared in response to SLASIAC mtg discussion 9/30/11) (10/17/11).
   • Update on Springer Open Access Task Force
     Jackie reported that analysis of the survey data is complete and they are now ready to follow-up with those faculty who indicated willingness. They are finalizing the set of questions and making arrangements for the 25-30 in-person interviews on three campuses (SF, B, LA), hoping to begin in November.
   • eScholarship Transition
     Catherine reports that they are in phase 2 of the platform transition, expecting to be in phase 3/final in November.

2. September minutes approved.
   • ACTION: Martha will look through the August minutes one last time for sensitive information and will then have them uploaded to the SCO website.

3. Wiley Open Access Partners Fee proposal response
   • Anneliese drafted a response from SCO regarding the Wiley OA proposal. It was discussed and agreed that it summarizes our position clearly. One suggestion was to more strongly emphasize our support of a trial UC-wide program to pool funds to cover the article processing charge (APC) for Open Access journals. Perhaps by moving that last sentence to a new separate line that reads something to the effect: SCO proposes an endeavor to set up a trial UC-wide program, pooling funds to cover the Author Processing Charge (APC) for all OA journals. SCO is willing to work on developing such a proposal.
   • CDC referred the question of Wiley OA to SCO for our opinion; our response addresses that particular inquiry (recommends that UC Libraries not pursue the offer), with an additional recommendation to pursue a UC program for OA support.
   • Related, Martha shared (10/19/11) a link to the 2008 report: Joint CDC/SCO Task Force on Criteria to Determine UC’s Support for Transformative Scholarly Publishing Models, with a 2007 appendix. The report provides criteria for comparative assessment of packages and evaluating efficacy of arrangements. Should the current arrangements be reassessed periodically, and should the SCO consider shouldering that reassessment?
     • ACTION: Those not attending today’s phone meeting should read the draft response and send any suggestions/concerns to Anneliese/Martha.
     • ACTION: Mary will send suggestions made during the phone meeting to Anneliese, who will revise and resend via email to SCO one final time.

4. Open Access week plans: posted on wiki
   • All ten campuses have listed their 2011 Open Access Week plans on the SCO wiki. A few highlights: SB is cosponsoring a couple of events with the Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, including invited speakers Christopher Kelly and Tara McPherson; SD is hosting a luncheon and panel discussion, focusing on the humanities and social sciences; B recycling ideas/activities from last year; LA participating in a DIY (do-it-yourself) day, focusing on research communication in general; R showing “RIP a remix manifesto” and hosting a panel discussion; D hosting three invited speakers events and one scholarly communications webcast.
   • Discussion on the seeming general lack of enthusiasm around Open Access. We need to reconsider our marketing approach, perhaps appealing more to faculty self-interest and focusing on the advantages for the individual.
     • ACTION: Agenda item for next meeting to discuss this year’s OA week events and to discuss how SCO might better support OA.

5. Assessment of existing OA and Scholarly Communications models
   • Jackie emailed (10/18/11) a revision of the chart found on the Reshaping Scholarly Communication website, UC Discounts on Article Publication Charges for Open Access Journals and Cost Effectiveness of CDL Contracts. There is no new data; it is reorganized to
facilitate discussion and use.

- Considered together with the 2008 report shared by Martha, *Joint CDC/SCO Task Force on Criteria to Determine UC’s Support for Transformative Scholarly Publishing Models*, with a 2007 appendix, are the existing criteria sufficient/appropriate for assessing proposed models?

- Further consideration still necessary. The CoUL 3-year plan, "UC Libraries Systemwide Plans and Priorities", may influence this discussion, as well.

6. Meeting closed at 1:50pm.