July 2012 Meeting Notes

SCO Meeting Notes

July 18, 2012 1:00-2:00 pm

Note taker: Angela Riggio (UCLA)

Present: Sherri Barnes (Santa Barbara), Mitchell Brown (Irvine), Katie Fortney (Santa Cruz), Martha Hruska (San Diego), Susan Mikkelsen (Merced), Joanne Miller (CDL), Catherine Mitchell (CDL), Margaret Phillips (Berkeley), Angela Riggio (Los Angeles), Anneliese Taylor (San Francisco), Jackie Wilson (CDL); Mary Wood (Davis)

1. Announcements and News

UC Riverside SCO representative: A new UCR representative has been identified, but won’t be joining today’s meeting.

New SCO Co-Chair: Martha has served as co-chair for two years, and will rotate off as chair next month. Mitchell Brown will start as new co-chair in August. Many thanks to Martha for her great work as SCO Co-Chair!

OA Policy Update: Mitchell forwarded internal discussion documents from UCOLASC, which were distributed in anticipation of the July 25 Faculty Senate’s review of the proposed UC Open Access Policy. Prof. Chris Kelty will be presenting to the Senate. The documents consist of the Policy draft, an FAQ, and a PowerPoint presentation (adapted from UCSF with adjusted language; UCLA-specific information added). If approved, the policy will be passed on to the full Faculty Senate. Mitchell reports that most questions raised have been about implementation details and the library’s role in implementation. The response has been mostly positive, although not everyone is clear about details of the policy requirements, such as submitting author addendums to publishers, being able to opt out of the policy, etc.

Other OA Policy News: San Francisco (Anneliese) is encouraging faculty to use an author’s addendum, but the assumption is that most faculty will not want to fill out extra paperwork. UCSF & CDL are notifying publishers of the policy so that authors are able to deposit their articles in eScholarship regardless of using an addendum. CDL also plans to add language into licensing agreements as they are being renegotiated with publishers to address OA policies and author copyrights for all UC authors. CDL (Catherine) is also working on the workflow aspects of OA Policy implementation in eScholarship (which includes harvesting metadata, providing waivers, uploading capabilities, author addenda, etc.). She stressed the importance of showing that implementation will not be difficult. CDL built a web site for UCSF authors to deposit articles, or to request an addendum or waiver. Once other campuses adopt a policy, they can be added to this site.

CDL is hosting a demo from Symplectic next Wednesday—the company makes software that provides harvesting capabilities (San Diego and San Francisco will also be hosting demos). Action: Follow-up on the next SCO call.

Berkeley is moving forward with membership to Sage Open (30 vouchers).

Update on OA Pilot Fund Proposal (Margaret & Task Force): The task force has placed drafts of documents on the Wiki. Margaret has posted a timeline which works backward from OA Week in October. The task force hopes to have the Program Description and Guidelines done by the end of this month, and the form for application completed in August.

Katie reported that the Program Description draft is up on the Wiki; it is adaptable to a press release, and includes a brief definition of the OA fund, and an FAQ. She welcomes feedback. It is important to remember that these are shell documents, meant to be customized/modified by each campus as needed (such as dollar award amount, etc.).

The goal is to get the documents finished well before the August CDC meeting (Aug. 17).

Action: Please submit feedback.

Discussion: There was a question about how ULs will feel about the OA Fund. Martha related that San Diego’s main concern is regarding the assessment piece of the pilot. Will we be able to tell what publishing models are having an effect on scholarly publishing? There was an expressed interest in how Berkeley implemented their pilot, especially with regard to the movement of funds. Margaret will share information on how Berkeley’s business office has handled matters. The mechanics of administering the OA funds, the follow-up with authors, specific policy requirements (e.g. citing the fund) are to be decided on a campus-by-campus basis.

Update on UCSF Open Access Policy (Anneliese): Certain publishers are consistently asking for a waiver (Nature, PNAS, and Science). UC San Francisco authors are asking what they need to do to comply, and there have been questions regarding funding for articles. An informational letter will be sent to publishers, to notify them of the policy and let them know that UCSF authors (and UC on their behalf) will be depositing their articles in eScholarship. The letter encourages open discussion so that publisher concerns about the rights granted to UC can be addressed rather than publishers demanding a waiver. Though faculty are encouraged to deposit their articles directly, we realize that many will not go to the trouble. We anticipate needing to harvest metadata and request copies of the articles later in order to get much of UCSF published articles into eScholarship. It isn’t a simple process. High impact and larger publishers have more of an issue with the policy.

Update on eScholarship (Catherine): CDL is going to be advertising for a copyright manager position, which will provide copyright support for all CDL-based services. The posting will go up in the next few weeks. eScholarship Plus is now live (formerly known as UCPubs). eScholarship Plus is a collaboration with Lulu, offering print-on-demand and other publishing services. CDL is transitioning current eScholarship partners to the new service, which will be made available to others within the next few months. These services will also be applicable to legacy material in eScholarship.

Agenda items to be addressed on the next call: