August 2012 Meeting Notes

SCO Meeting
August 15, 2012
1:00-2:00pm

Notes: Mary Wood (UCD)

Present: Sherri Barnes (Santa Barbara), Mitchell Brown (Irvine), Robin Chandler (Santa Cruz), Katie Fortney (Santa Cruz), Martha Hruska (San Diego), Jim Dooley (Merced), Joanne Miller (CDL), Margaret Phillips (Berkeley), Angela Riggio (Los Angeles), Nancy Stimson (San Diego), Jackie Wilson (CDL), Mary Wood (Davis)

1. Announcements and News

New SCO representatives: Welcome to Nancy Stimson (UCSD). The new UCR representative did not join today’s meeting.

2. CDL proposed website navigation with this online survey. More about the redesign project CDLINFO overview.

The online survey for the re-design of the UC Libraries website is a quick, task-based navigation test, rather than a survey of questions/answers. The SCO materials will be organized into the new design of the site, and SCO will have an opportunity to provide guidance and feedback but the re-design does not directly impact the Reshaping Scholarly Communications pages.

3. OA Pilot Fund Update (Margaret & Task Force)

CDL has approved the proposed OA Pilot Fund. Task remains to create a toolkit to help interested campuses in implementing the pilot. The Implementation Timeline was created to assist with this effort.

Reviewing documents/tasks listed in the Timeline for August:

Program Description
The document is intended to be a template, easily modified according to individual campus needs. Those campuses responding indicated that the document is helpful as a template and saw no need to alter. It was suggested that the customized Program Description for each campus eventually be posted and shared on the wiki.

Guidelines for the Open Access Fund Pilot
The grid format was borrowed from SPARC, with the intent again being a template document to be changed as necessary to best meet the needs of the individual campus.

Discussion on campuses planning to include hybrid journals as an option; it was noted that hybrids would include more journals in the humanities and social sciences, as well as more journals from scholarly societies.

Discussion on reaching out to humanities and social sciences faculty; UCLA focusing on this H/SS group by using the pilot funds to subsidize open course materials (as is done at UMass Amherst and Temple).

Further discussion included: Use funds for dissertation open access fees; adding to or deleting the “Monographs, datasets and non-journals” row; using positive criteria for “Types of journals supported” (for example: must be listed in DOAJ or OASPA credentialed) as opposed to the cautionary tone of trying to avoid certain types of publishers.

Application Form
The Application Form Notes we have are related to Berkeley’s Google form used for their BRII applications. The form automatically populates a Google spreadsheet and notifies the appropriate people. Criteria and guidelines are embedded in the online submission form. Form creator Elliot Smith, UCB, is happy to share the template and code.

Margaret will gather together the procedural details as used at Berkeley for reimbursement, bookkeeping, and statistics, and share with SCO by next month’s meeting.

Discussion on dispersal of funds at submission to publisher or as reimbursement to author, as well as documentation required for reimbursement. These decisions are left to the individual campus.

4. OA Pilot Fund – Letter of Intent due Aug 30

Implementation Timeline deadline for Campus Collection Development Officers to send letter of intent to CDL changed to September 30, 2013.

The UC Campus Application for CDL Open Access Funds is a template and should be modified as necessary. Essentially, it is to verify the campus’ willingness to commit funds, ensure that the campus administrative mechanisms are in place, and a promise to report back at pilot’s end.

Jackie will take the UC Campus Application for CDL Open Access Funds to the CDL business manager for the necessary information to allow the transaction to proceed.
Discussion included: Martha will share with CDC this Letter of Intent, along with the other proposed documents and changes to timeline; using Open Access Week as an opportunity to feature, promote, publicize the OA Pilot Fund.

5. OA Policy Role for SCOs (Catherine’s email re conversation with Chris Kelty)

Mitchell has had ongoing conversations with faculty and found most receptive of the idea, but no sense of how the proposed policy is being pushed by the faculty. Dr. Kelty was looking for librarian assistance with forwarding the proposed OA policy on each of the campuses.

UCSB scholarly communications librarians have ongoing OA outreach to faculty; the SB UCOLASC representatives have been invited to their SC meeting, where the librarians hope to learn more about the representatives’ OA policy plans/vote and to talk about their OA Week plans.

Irvine is currently fairly quiet, but Mitchell expects to increase discussion with Fall quarter. They have found the faculty in Medicine to be very supportive, which in turn has allowed the biomedical scientists group to be more open to the idea.

Discussion regarding campus faculty senates’ need to vote in the already too-busy Fall quarter, that voting in Winter might allow more time for due consideration. Mitchell shared UCOLASC’s desire to vote UC-wide at December meeting, necessitating the individual campus’ need to vote in Fall.


Listed in the July 2012 minutes as an agenda item to be addressed in August, the issue with AAAP was raised via SCO email (messages with relevant links from Sherri and Martha on July 11 and 12). The topic of scholarly societies converting to an open access model warrants further discussion. Ivy may have ideas about how to leverage the current situation; Mitchell will ask Catherine for further information.

7. OA Week - Oct 22-28, 2012 - Campus Plans

UCB – Margaret has begun planning, having invited Dr. Schneider from UCSF, and will ask a Berkeley Academic Senate member to join, as well.

Irvine – Mitchell has invited a speaker, though may present before the official OA Week. He will post further plans on the wiki.

Discussion on capturing the OA presentations for later viewing generated ideas such as UCTV, YouTube, and eScholarship.

As they evolve, please post your OA Week activities on the wiki.

8. Agenda items to be addressed on the next call:

American Anthropological Association Publications
OA Week and campus plans