Common Knowledge Group Charter

Scholarly Communications Group

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1. Summary and Scope of Work

The Scholarly Communications Group is a standing group of experts and pioneers in the area of open access and related scholarly communications issues. Scholarly communications is defined as "the system through which research and other scholarly writings are created, evaluated for quality, disseminated to the scholarly community, and preserved for future use. The system includes both formal means of communication, such as publication in peer-reviewed journals; and informal channels, such as electronic forums for sharing and discussion of research results, and services and tools that facilitate and support a robust infrastructure for communicating and evaluating scholarly output." (Definition from the *Transformative Scholarly Communications Models Pilot Review Team Final Report, February 2015*)

This CKG communicates with and provides support to the UC Libraries' Advisory Structure but does not make system-wide policy decisions, manage projects or project teams, or oversee ongoing services.

The topics and ongoing tasks that the Scholarly Communications CKG focuses on include:

- Open Access publishing models and opportunities (e.g., UC Open Access Policy, UC Open Access fund pilots, Open Access Week & Fair Use Week activities, evaluating OA and other potentially transformative publishing models)
- Transformative scholarly communications initiatives and strategies
- Compliances with funding agency requirements (e.g., NIH, NSF)
- Intellectual property concerns (e.g., retaining author rights, making what versions OA is appropriate)
- Researcher profile services and scholarly sharing platforms (e.g., ORCID, Kudos, ResearchGate, Mendeley, ReadCube) including campus profiling systems
- Altmetrics services (e.g., PlumAnalytics, Altmetric, Impact Story)
- Preprint servers and institutional repositories
- Collaboration with the Office of Scholarly Communication to develop joint marketing messages/materials

The fields that the Group would not cover include:

- Data curation and management issues and strategies
- e-Research

2. Key Expectations

This CKG will:
- Gather and share information about the environment, opportunities, technologies, best practices, and local campus developments within the area of scholarly communications
- Provide input and information to other UC Libraries' groups as requested
- Conceive and advance innovative ideas and improvements relevant to the *UC Libraries' Systemwide Plan and Priorities, 2014-2018*

3. Membership and Terms of Appointment

Currently, there is at least one representative from each campus and two representatives from the California Digital Library. The Chair and co-Chair serve overlapping two year terms.

- UC Berkeley – Susan Koskinen, Samantha Teplitzky
- UC Davis – Mary Wood, Amy Studer
- UC Irvine – Mitchell Brown, Shu Liu
- UCLA – Angela Riggio
- UC Merced – Donald Barclay
- UC Riverside – Rhonda Neugebauer
- UC San Diego – Mary Linn Bergstrom, Bethany Harris
- UCSF – Anneliese Taylor
- UC Santa Barbara – Gary Colmenar
- UC Santa Cruz – Christy Hightower
- CDL – Katie Fortney, Jackie Wilson

4. Communication and Meetings

This CKG's communication responsibilities are to:

- Maintain an email list for use by the CKG
- Create and keep a historical record of meeting minutes and reports that are available to all interested UC Libraries' staff

The Group meets by conference call once a month.