



Systemwide Library and Scholarly Information Advisory Committee (SLASIAC)

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Provost and Executive Vice President Michael Brown
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Dear Provost Brown,

Over the past year, the UC Publisher Strategy and Negotiation Task Force has engaged and consulted with the Systemwide Library and Scholarly Information Advisory Committee (SLASIAC) on UC's various transformative open access publisher negotiations, including UC's negotiation with Elsevier. As noted in [SLASIAC's December 2018 letter of support](#), the Committee commends the Task Force and libraries for collaborating with faculty and administrators to pursue publisher agreements that reduce licensed content subscription costs and make research outputs openly available.

At the Committee's May meeting, the Task Force provided SLASIAC with an update on the negotiation with Elsevier and the work underway to return to the negotiating table with a sustainable framework that supports UC's open access and cost goals. The Task Force also spoke at length about the libraries' efforts to bolster various [alternative access mechanisms](#) so that UC faculty, students, staff, researchers and clinicians can continue to access Elsevier journal content no longer available through Elsevier subscription services.

SLASIAC has complete confidence in the Task Force's approach to the negotiation with Elsevier, and in the ability of the UC Libraries to continue to support the teaching and research needs of the university through alternative access methods. SLASIAC continues to support the work of the UC Libraries and Academic Senate as they provide leadership in the global effort to transform scholarly communications into an economically sustainable system that ensures the broadest possible access to scholarly work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott L. Waugh".

Scott L. Waugh
Chair, SLASIAC

Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, UCLA

cc: Academic Senate University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication
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