Systemwide Library and Scholarly Information Advisory Committee

Scholarly Information Program Task Force

Charge

Background.

The University of California’s Library Planning and Action Initiative (LPAI) Advisory Task Force issued its final report in March, 1998 (see <http://www.lpai.ucop.edu/outcomes/finalrpt/>), with the recommendation that the University should seek innovative and cost-effective means to achieve comprehensive access to scholarly and scientific communication for all members of the University community. The Task Force recommended seven strategies to achieve this goal:

1. UC should seek innovative and cost-effective means to strengthen Resource Sharing.
2. UC should establish the California Digital Library.
3. UC should sustain and develop mechanisms to support campus Print Collections.
4. UC should seek mutually beneficial Collaboration with Libraries, Museums, other Universities and Industry.
5. UC should develop an Information Infrastructure that supports the needs of faculty and students to disseminate and access scholarly and scientific information in a networked environment.
6. UC should lead the national effort to transform the process of Scholarly and Scientific Communication.
7. UC should organize an environment of Continuous Planning and Innovation.

In furtherance of these strategies, the University has requested and received phased start-up funding from the State for the California Digital Library for four years (1998-99 through 2001-02), as well as funding within the Partnership Agreement with the Governor to redress past shortfalls in the library budget through support of campus library collections and expanded resource sharing (1999-00 through 2002-03). These efforts have been successful, resulting in projected new State support through 2002-03 of $28.2 million in permanent funds and $14 million in one-time funds for libraries, including the CDL. In addition, the University has committed permanent funding of $1 million to support the CDL and $1.002 million to support the eScholarship program of scholar-led initiatives in new forms of scholarly communication.

As the endpoint for these successful initiatives comes into view, it is timely to begin discussing and developing new strategies for scholarly information development, including library development, that can successfully guide University policy and budgeting in the post-Partnership period beginning in 2003-04.

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The Scholarly Information Program Task Force is charged to advise SLASIAC on these issues by defining and articulating a structure consisting of a vision, goals, and strategies for post-Partnership policy and resource development for management of scholarly information, including libraries. The Task Force will report to the full Committee at each of the Committee’s
regular meetings beginning with Spring 2001, until discharged by the Committee. In accomplishing its charge, the Task Force will consult widely with key University constituencies, including faculty and libraries.

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