Minutes

Scholarly Communications Officers Conference Call
Tuesday, July 18

Attendees: Susan Starr (SD), Gail Yokote (D), Cindy Shelton (LA), Lorelei Tanji (I), Catherine Candee (OSC), Brad Eden (SB), Margaret Phillips (B), Janet Carter (LAUC), Donald Barclay (M), Beth Remak (SC), Emily Stambaugh (R)

Absent: John Ober (OSC)

Announcements

SCO welcomed two new members, Brad Eden from UC Santa Barbara and Emily Stambaugh, acting representative for UC Riverside.

1. Debrief on UCLA Scholarly Communication Workshop

The workshop was very successful and evaluations were quite positive; attendees appreciated the chance to hear how UC had actually implemented scholarly communication programs. Several possible future SCO agenda items were identified:
      a. Assessing the effectiveness of our programs
      b. Crafting a message that will appeal to younger faculty and/or graduate students, since these groups feel the need to publish in very established journals
      c. 50% of the inquiries UCLA received in their pilot copyright "hotline" were related to authors' agreements and licenses. How do we build on that interest?
      d. Developing information for editorial board members on ways to have their new Open Access journals indexed by major indexing services.
      e. Developing information for to authors on "how to increase the impact of your scholarship"

ACTIONS:
      1. **Carter** will work with **Ober** to have a link to the workshop power points on the SCO website (http://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/scholarly/) adjacent to the links to the toolkits.
      2. **Remak** will send notes of her presentation to Carter for inclusion with the power points

2. Electronic Theses and Dissertations

Candee reported that she and Trisha Cruse will be working with SOPAG to coordinate moving forward in this area.   There may be requests to campus libraries for more information on current ETD related activities.

3. Toolkits

LAUC, HOPS and CDC have all been notified of the availability of the toolkits. SCO discussed ways to raise the visibility of these kits among campus librarians. UCLA is doing a training session on scholarly communication issues for library staff in the fall.

ACTIONS:
      1. **Persily** will ask Meltzer to send a message re: toolkits to the Instructional Librarians' listserv
      2. **Candee** will ask Ober to write an article on the toolkits for CDL Info.
      3. **Candee** will send each campus a list of faculty who have deposited postprints so we can consider if we want eScholarship to send them the CDL Info message.

4. Each SCO member will do more publicity on the toolkits for their staff in the fall

5. **Starr** will send suggested edits from San Diego to SCO, including changing audience for economic and copyright kits to match that on the scholarly society page

6. Societies toolkit: **Remak** will contact Melton to discuss an additional humanities society. **Starr** will contact Brueggeman re: information on the American Meteorological Society. **Carter** will try to obtain information on the American Psychological Association.

7. Remak will ask her staff to email Ober about broken links in the Economics toolkit.

4. Rapid response to emerging issues

ACTION:

1. **Tanji** will develop draft list of communication tools with Ober and Yokote for discussion at the next conference call.

5. FRPAA

SCO discussed if and how to become involved in this legislative effort. Candee reported that OSC has opened discussions with BEPRESS on mechanisms that could be used to make it easy for faculty to deposit material in NIH and other repositories. Most likely these items would be deposited in Escholarship at the same time.

ACTION

1**. Starr** will ask Ober to put an item on the Scholarly Communications website (http://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/scholarly/) labeled "Hot Issues". The pros and cons re: FRPAA developed by Barclay will be linked from this item.   In the future, other similar pieces can be added.

2. **Candee** will send a short paragraph that SCO members can distribute to ASCOL, Office of Research, etc regarding EScholarships' plans to assist faculty in meeting federal requirements to deposit their manuscripts.

6. Other reports

1. Tanji reported that the NSF Cyberinfrastructure program is planning to include plans for storing and curating data in their evaluation of grant applications. This will likely increase researchers' interest in mechanisms to store data.

2. Candee reported that CDL is investigating means to at least temporarily store data. They have requested funds to support this investigation.

7. Next Conference Call – September 06