

## SCO conference call

March 20, 2013

### Meeting Notes

1. **Roll Call:** Margaret Phillips (UCB, notetaker); Mary Wood (UCD); Mitchell Brown (UCI, co-chair); Susan Mikkelsen (UCM, co-chair); Rhonda Neugebauer (UCR); Nancy Stimson (UCSD); Anneliese Taylor (UCSF); Sherri Barnes (UCSB); Christy Caldwell (UCSC); Robin Chandler (CDC), Jacqueline Wilson (CDL); Katie Fortney (CDL), Ivy Anderson (CDL)
2. **Approve minutes:** [February 20 meeting notes](#) approved.
3. **Announcements:**
  1. Susan Mikkelsen announced that the new [UC Libraries website](#) is now live. This includes the new [SCO site](#). Thanks to Joanne Miller for facilitating the transition to the new site. SCO co-chairs will have editing privileges for any new content that needs to be added to the SCO pages.
4. **Action items:**
  1. Susan shared the [NIH Compliance Training slides](#) and other [documentation](#) from UCLA. Other campuses are welcome to adapt these to their own needs.
  2. Susan has added Christy Caldwell, the SCO from UC Santa Cruz to the [SCO members page](#).
5. **Symplectic webinar** (Catherine Mitchell): Several SCOs and other members of the UC community joined (in person or online) the March 7 webinar on Symplectic. Symplectic is software that would allow us to programmatically harvest faculty publications, using a feed from HR, to support the OA policy at UCSF as well as other OA policies as they emerge. Whether they license the Symplectic software, CDL is hoping to have a deposit mechanism in place for UCSF by Fall 2013.
6. **Report: CoUL meeting with UCOLASC** (Catherine Mitchell): Catherine is now a consultant on to the UCOLASC group. She reports that at the February 22 UCOLASC meeting chair Chris Kelty confirmed that the Academic Senate has compiled campus comments on the proposed Open Access Policy and that he will send a revised policy to the Academic Senate in April for a vote in June or July. The revisions will address some of the main concerns brought up in the comments period including the provisions of the waiver process and clarification of the scope of the license granted by the faculty to the UC Regents. UCOLASC is also concerned with implementation and cost issues and Catherine was able to

share information about the progress that CDL has made in supporting the UCSF policy.

7. **CDC Request: Evaluate PLoS membership and other support arrangements with PLoS and other OA publishers** (Ivy Anderson, Robin Chandler): The UC membership to PLoS has been creeping up over the years. PLoS wants to tie membership to UC author discounts and has proposed a significant increase to UC's membership fee for 2013 (from \$50,000 to \$90,000), although CDL has argued for a flat rate similar to the BMC Supporting Membership. We also discussed the PLoS projection for higher rates of publishing in 2013 due to a backlog of submissions (submissions higher than publication rates in 2012). Whether PLoS will agree to a more stable fee is presently unclear. There was some discussion about whether or not all UC PLoS authors have taken advantage of the author discount, e.g. whether they are prompted to do so when they submit content. Also, a question came up about whether scholars who have been awarded OA pilot funds were given UC discounts, and how we could find that out. Several SCOs along with staff from CDL met with PLoS in early March to talk about the future of institutional memberships. Meantime, CDC is asking the SCOs to analyze whether the PLoS membership is still valuable in light of the 2009 document "Criteria to Determine the UC's Support for Transformative Scholarly Publishing Models." ACTION ITEM: SCOs are asked to look at this document and be prepared to discuss it at the next SCO meeting. By May, we will send our analysis to CDC.