

UC Scholarly Communication Planning

March 20, 2009

Description

Since personnel in the California Digital Library are no longer available to provide central support, this project will create communications and reporting infrastructure mechanisms, as well as mechanisms to facilitate work of the Scholarly Communications Officers group (SCO) without central support. In addition to the SCO group, the UC Libraries Systemwide Operations and Planning Advisory Group and the University Committee on Libraries and Scholarly Communication, Academic Senate require current information and support in the area of Scholarly Communication. The focus will be on describing possible solutions rather than describing gaps or problems. The key deliverables of the project will be a plan or recommended options specifically for maintaining the Office of Scholarly Communication website, and more generally, a plan or recommended options for enabling communication, education and advocacy across the campuses and up and down the structures of UC.

Scope

- The project manager: Janice Contini
- Start and end dates: March 1, 2009-June 30, 2009
- Mandated dates if applicable: Funding ends June 30, 2009
- Groups or departments that will help define the scope (these may or may not be stakeholders; see below): SCO, CDL (UCOP), UCOLASC
- Tools or technologies to be used: email, Web, wiki
- Timeline and Deliverables:
 - Written report that includes the elements outlined below on assessment, transition plan, and communication strategy
 - Draft report for discussion at June 3 SCO conference call
 - Written report due June 15
 - Ongoing progress reports and check-ins March - May
 - Assessment of current SCO scope and priorities.
 - Documentation of local and statewide priorities reported by SCO members.
 - Define options for narrowing scope in order to conform to reduced staff support.
 - Transition plan from central support to shared campus support model with goal of facilitating UC collective interests in SC.
 - Develop options that leverage limited resources (e.g. define tasks and how to distribute them to SCOs or others)
 - Communication strategy
 - Define purpose(s) for website(s), priorities, level of maintenance required, long term issues (how long can OSC website be viable without a major overhaul?)
 - List of key representatives and groups and their roles in moving SC issues forward. Define who to contact for what and recommend mechanisms for initiating and/or maintaining communication to achieve SCO goals.

- Expected outcomes:
 - SCO co-chairs will be able to report to SOPAG on our plans going forward, based on these findings.
 - Ability for SCO group to function effectively within a defined scope of activities.
 - Ability to maintain currency of website
 - Ability to alert or influence key players and/or bodies as appropriate to issues, legislation, etc.
 - Ability to promote scholarly communications education and advocacy as appropriate

Out of Scope

The deliverable is the plan, not the work.

Stakeholders

- Scholarly Communications Officers
- UC Libraries Systemwide Operations and Planning Advisory Group
- University Committee on Libraries and Scholarly Communication, Academic Senate
- University Librarians
- California Digital Library eScholarship Publishing Program
- UCOP State Governmental Relations
- UCOP Federal Governmental Relations
- UCOP Office of the General Counsel?
- Campus Contracts and Grants Offices

Sponsor/Executive Sponsor

Gail Persily/SCOs

Costs

- Direct costs: UC Scholarly Communication Planning Specialist
- Indirect costs: this includes staff time. Gail Persily time, monthly meetings of SCOs, CDL personnel

Regulatory Issues

None

Approvals Needed

SCOs

ULs

Opportunities and Risks

Benefits:

- Clear understanding and responsibilities for moving scholarly communications work forward in collegial manner among all UC campus libraries.
- Timely advocacy, education, etc. for all campuses.

Risks:

- Time is short and personnel are being cut, so it is possible that decentralizing the work is not a viable alternative.