Meeting Notes 2010 November

SCO Conference Call notes

November 3, 2010

Attending: Margaret Phillips (B), Karen Andrews (D), Bonnie Tijerina (LA), Susan Mikkelsen (M), Rhonda Neugebauer (R), Martha Hruska (SD), Anneliese Taylor (SF), Brad Eden (SB), Beth Remak (SC), Joanne Miller (CDL), Catherine Mitchell (CDL)

Announcements

Margaret reported that UC Berkeley faculty are talking about putting forth an open access mandate/policy. Catherine Mitchell has offered to provide input on implementation issues if needed. Other campuses are encouraged to let their faculty know that they've heard through the grapevine what Berkeley is up to.

Open Access week recap

- UCLA: Many events, fairly good attendance. (Martha also looked into streaming Copyright Criminals and will share with SCOs her findings.)
- UCSC: Their event, in which faculty discussed their research, was considered very successful.
- UCB: A number of events; turn out not great but still felt it was necessary to have these events to keep the discussion alive.
- UCSD: Phil Bourne spoke at a luncheon. 25 people attended. Link to slides on the wiki. Bourne discussed sharing data; not everyone agrees that data sharing is a good idea; it is still difficult to fight the myth that open access is not peer reviewed.
- UCSB: first ever OA event was held with faculty members and EVC Gene Lucas. Well received by those attending.
- UCSF: Info tables on Parnassus campus as well as news/announcements about OA on campus news site. Pretty good turn out. Also tables at Mission Bay campus.
- UCR: put up a website
- UCD: 4-5 activities including Catherine Mitchell and Trisha Cruse
- UCM: Home page spotlight, web page and digital signage throughout the library

eScholarship update

Catherine Mitchell reports that the UC Publishing Services design team (headed by Dan Greenstein) is working with consultants from Ithaka whose charge is to analyze the feasibility of and/or propose business models for combining the publishing services of eScholarship/UCPubs and UC Press. Catherine has provided a lot of data as well as the preliminary findings from a recently completed a "customer satisfaction" survey to the Ithaka consultants. UC Press has also provided UCPubS cost/sales data to the consultants. Dan Greenstein's main interest is in creating a self-sustainable OA model. Catherine expects the Ithaka report within a month but it is unclear how shareable the report will be; the findings of Ithaka's report will will be incorporated in a "business options" document to be authored by Dan Greenstein and Lynne Withey. Catherine cannot predict what the report will say but believes that any suggested changes as a result of it will not likely to happen until the next fiscal year.

Meantime, undergraduate repository is moving forward; a working group has been meeting to discuss a number of issues. Before launching a pilot they must first gauge campus interest in and support for an undergraduate repository. The issue of sustainability is a concern before launching any new initiatives.

There is an ETD Pilot that should be live by December. Catherine will be presenting an update on the pilot to the Council of Graduate Deans this week. A report on ETDs presented to SOPAG and CDC earlier this year will be updated for this presentation and Catherine will share it with the SCOs.

eScholarship is also working with the Office of the President to design a repository for UCOP administrative documents. UCOP is keen to develop a platform for making these documents publicly available, something that the University is required by law to do.