

# Meeting Notes 2011 September

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SCO Conference Call  
September 21, 2011

Attending: Margaret Phillips (B, notes), Raquel Abad (for Mary Wood) (D), Mitchell Brown (I), Angela Riggio (LA), Susan Mikkelsen (M, co-chair), Barbara Schader (R), Martha Hruska (co-chair), Anneliese Taylor (SF), Sherri Barnes (SB), Katie Fortney (SC), Joanne Miller (CDL), Catherine Mitchell (CDL), Jackie Wilson (CDL)

## 1. Announcements

- Chair rotation: Co-chair Margaret has finished her two years as co-chairing; Susan now taking over and will serve with Martha who begins her second year as co-chair. Many thanks to Margaret for her two years of excellent service as co-chair.
- Updates to SCO website (<http://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/sco/>)
  - The new charge needs to be added to the website. The current charge as listed is fairly generic but still accurate. ACTION: SCO members should look at the website and consider where to put a link to the PDF of the updated charge. Please respond by September 23.
  - The minutes archived on the SCO website are up-to-date. Some of the information in recent minutes has contained sensitive vendor information so Martha has taken that information off the public minutes; vendor-specific information will remain in the draft minutes on the wiki. ACTION: Other information on the SCO website seems out-of-date. Margaret will work with Joanne to update it.

## 2. August minutes approved.

- ACTION: Martha will look through the August minutes one last time for sensitive information and will then have them uploaded to the SCO website.

## 3. Wiley Open Access Partners Fee proposal

- Jackie offered to provide more data from CDL on the number of UC authors who have published in Wiley journals? In general, though, based on the online discussion the SCOs are not inclined to support this proposal based on the fact that the costs are high and that we are already paying Wiley a significant amount of money for subscription access. Most importantly, this particular partnership does not seem to change the current model.
- This also brings up other issues. Do we need to come up with guidelines/checklist for how to approach these offers from other publishers when they come up in the future? Do we need to reevaluate all of our memberships to see if they are cost-effective, if we are "double-dipping" and if our contributions to those memberships are helping to change the model? How can we better promote open access? Would the funds that would go towards and OA partnership with Wiley be better spent on establishing a central fund to help pay UC authors OA costs?
- ACTION: Anneliese will draft a response from SCO regarding the Wiley OA proposal and send it to the group for response. This will be on the agenda for the October meeting.

## 4. UC Discount on Article Publication Discounts (Jackie)

- Jackie distributed information on UC discounts; it is a standard part of vendor negotiations to determine what kind of OA options UC authors have. Need information on how UC authors can take advantage of the OA arrangements. Jackie acknowledged the work that Adriana Moran and Wendy Parfrey did in compiling this information.

## 5. eScholarship submission update (Catherine)

- Hopefully, all have now had a chance to read about the transition to the new publishing and submission platform. The transition should be complete by Thanksgiving and eScholarship will be completely off bePress platform by end of December.
- Many will have noticed the press release this week announcing that bePress journals have been sold to de Gruyter. Because of bePress's informal ties with UC, now may be the time to approach UC editors to see if they want to transition their platform to a fully OA model on eScholarship.
- Has eScholarship done much to change the model? All of the journals on eScholarship are new. It would be great if eScholarship could somehow facilitate changing an existing subscription-based journal to open access on the eScholarship platform.
- ACTION: Think about how to work with bePress journal editors and talk about it on a future agenda.

## 6. Open Access week plans

- ACTION: Please post any OA Week activities planned for your campus on the wiki.