

# Jan. Notes

## Meeting Notes 2012 January

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SCO Conference Call

January 18, 2012

Attending: Mary Wood(D), Mitchell Brown (I), Angela Riggio (LA), Susan Mikkelsen (M), Martha Hruska (SD) , Sherri Barnes (SB) Katie Fortney (SC), (SD), Anneliese Taylor (SF), Joanne Miller (CDL), Catherine Mitchell (CDL)

Not attending: Margaret Phillips (B), Riverside **ACTION:** Susan agreed to look into who will be representing Riverside in the future

1. Announcements (none)
2. Approval of November minutes
  1. Approved
  2. Updates
    1. eScholarship: Catherine reported on the completion of the recent platform transition: Everything is working fine since moving from Bepress to a combined local and Open Journals System infrastructure and interface. Seeing many opportunities to provide new services. Creative Commons licensing launched, which will include the ability to track number of people using Creative Commons licenses. Help Center launched with video help. Poised to handle new content, which may be generated from an OA mandate. Partnering with PKP – Public Knowledge Project. Merritt-eScholarship integration continues with ETDs. Streaming video can be uploaded to eScholarship. Working toward full integration of streaming video so content can be played in the eScholarship browser interface, rather than through the player on the user's system.
    2. RSC Website: Joanne noted that recent updates to the website included news and links to CoUL's responses to the White House RFIs regarding public access to publicly funded federal research. A discussion on UC's approach to advocacy and the dissemination of SC information internally followed. Comments were made regarding 1) a need for more UC visibility on important issues being publicly debated, especially when other premier institutions are noted 2) a need for a systemwide advocacy group to facilitate campus responses 3) a need for a legal expert and analyst to

monitor and report on complex legislative discussions and developments 4) a need for an office to disseminate information to faculty regarding UC involvement on critical SC initiatives and issues, and what it means to manage intellectual property

. **ACTION:** Catherine agreed to draft a SCO statement, that could ultimately go to the ULs\*(?)\*, on the significant gap in service, outreach and education in the absence of the Office of Scholarly Communication. Joanne will continue to be in touch with government people and will keep us posted.

3. arXiv: Mitchell reported on a 12/3 teleconference regarding a proposal to create a new arXiv governing body. A \$60,000 grant was received to explore a new governance model. Board governance, rather than institutional (Cornell), is being considered. Benefits include stabilization of the current fragile structure and expansion of services. UC is participating in the planning process. There is concern from European institutions over local policies which prohibit financial support for resources which are essentially freely accessible. UCOLASC: Mitchell also reported on a recent UCOLASC meeting he attended as the LAUC representative. The discussion centered on Faculty Senate OA mandate activities on campuses and interests in pursuing a systemwide mandate. There was confusion and misinformation on the part of faculty regarding the transfer of copyright when depositing content; social science and humanities faculty awareness of OA issues of relevance to them. There is a need and opportunity for education from libraries. **ACTION:** Mitchell will resend UCOLASC OA mandate discussion overview and draft OA policy circulated via email on 1/10.

#### 4. Projects

1. SCO Task Force on Open Access Support Strategies .

**ACTION:** Review and comment on draft by FEB. 1.