

SCO Group Conference Call July 1, 2009, 1:00 P.M.

Present: Chuck Eckman (B, guest), Mary Page (D), Lorelei Tanji (I), Sharon Farb (LA), Susan Mikkelsen (M), Martha Hruska (SD), Gail Persily (SF), Brad Eden (SB), Catherine Mitchell (CDL), Elise Proulx (CDL, guest), Marcus Banks (LAUC), Janice Contini (guest), Jackie Wilson (guest)

Absent: Margaret Phillips (B), Robin Dale (SC)

1. Springer Open Access Vetting with HOPS (Gail)

HOPS provided input to Springer OA working group regarding policies for determining eligibility for open access agreement with Springer. For the duration of this pilot, a simple policy was agreed upon:

Eligibility will be determined based on an individual's inclusion in one of the standard lists/databases (employees, students) used to determine campus affiliation -- the same lists that are referred to when determining proxy/remote access privileges. LBL and LLL staff are considered UC authors at this time.

2. Springer OA Assessment Planning (Jackie)

Task force is developing their goals for the assessment, which will be used to coordinate assessment with Springer and other organizations in Europe with similar pilots underway.

3. SCO Priorities in response to Dan Greenstein's proposal

CDC discussed this issue at some length on their recent call. Issues raised by CDC and on this call include:

- Specifically what alternatives would UC libraries be able to offer? Assumption they would come from eScholarship.
- Each campus can expect different responses from faculty. For example, at Berkeley the collection budget was protected during this last round of budget cuts; difficult to propose this strategy there. Humanists not likely to see this strategy as helping their concerns. Educating faculty at a system level is difficult.

CDC created a subgroup with members from JSC, CDC and SCO. Group was created to consider how to seize the budget crisis as a way to make a bold statement regarding the unsustainability of the collection budget. This subgroup is discussing budget strategy at a phone meeting Monday July 6.

ACTION: Add Gail to the call so that we will have an SCO member included who is not also on CDC. (Done)

Discussion of SCO relationship with CDC given that this new issue is so closely linked to both groups.

- Martha pointed out that there is precedent for SCOs and CDC combining efforts on the Transformative Models definition.
- Gail raised the idea proposed in the past that the SCO group could become a group under CDC, instead of a separate group.
- Concern that CDC already has a significant charge and could not adequately address scholarly communication issues if SCO became part of CDC.
- With new chair of UCOLASC starting this year, SCOs have opportunity to develop stronger ties to that group.

Consensus was to keep SCOs as a separate group.

ACTION: Gail will work with Janice to draft some new language for our report that addresses budget-related strategies.

4. Update on Website Review (Janice)

The task group has a draft report which will go to the SCOs shortly.

5. Talking to UC Press re OA (Gail)

CDC proposes having a rep from CDC and a rep from SCO meet with Lynne Withey to learn more about UC Press's position on open access. Catherine Mitchell would also like to attend. Mary Page interested in attending.

ACTION: Gail will let Julia Kochi (CDC) know of SCO people who are interested in attending. (Done)

6. Open Access Week Planning - All

eScholarship launching new site during OA Week. Waiting to find out what kind of budget they will have for OA week activities. Various ideas in planning stage:

-- Talk to eScholarship reps at campuses to see what would work well for their campus

-- Based on Duke's experience (recent webinar), activities held outside the Library draw more attendees. Electronic content is also desirable.

-- Would like to have events at all 10 campuses.

-- Hope to create collateral for promoting OA Week. Depending on funds, may only be digital and then campuses can apply to websites, kiosks, etc.

We will have access to a beta version of the new eScholarship site 3-4 weeks before launch.

Suggestion that we have a webcast that people from all campuses can "attend".

Irvine thinking of doing something at their new grad student/postdoc center.