

UC Scholarly Communications Officer Group  
Conference Call  
Wednesday, March 28, 2007

Present: Donald Barclay, Janet Carter, Sharon Farb, Rhonda Neugebauer, John Ober, Gail Persily, Margaret Phillips, Beth Remak-Honnef, Lorelei Tanji, Gail Yokote (co-chair)

Absent: Brad Eden, Susan Starr (co-chair)

- 1) Feb 24 SCO conference call action items progress <Ober, Phillips>
  - possible educational efforts for UC librarians regarding UC “open access” policy; toolkit changes?

Ober/Phillips proposed using the OA FAQ to serve as talking points on the policy for the Copyright Toolkit. Others agreed that it would serve this purpose well. Phillips reported using questions from the FAQ for the UCB website.

ACTION: Ober/Phillips will make these additions to the Copyright Toolkit - a link to the FAQ as well as some brief explanation regarding the proposed OA policy. Carter will also forward a link to the FAQ to LAUC statewide committee.

- 2) Ober report on UCOL discussion of the proposed UC Open Access policy March 27, 2007

- Open Access Policy FAQ needs wider distribution.
- UCOL discussed policy. Heavily in favor of the policy.

Campus feedback

- Janet Carter concern about scope of the policy
- Yokote: UCD concern around multi-authored works such as books that have business arrangements as part of them. (FAQ addresses multi-authorship but does not address books and book-like objects)
- Farb: Concerned with problems that arise when talking about policy and implementation at the same time. Recommended an approach that emphasized getting agreement on the policy, with assurances that implementation issues would be adequately addressed later.
  - o Remak: confirms that questions at UCSC are practical ones about implementation. (e.g. opt out contact, authors of sections of edited volumes)
  - o Ober: 2 major aspects of implementation already in place: eScholarship Repository (or local campus repositories) and OSC which can provide support for some issues.
  - o Ober: suggests an approach that focuses on the policy, while stating that implementation issues will be addressed with the Libraries’ able assistance.

- Some specific implementation issues were touched on, illustrating complexity:
  - o Catherine Candee is working on interoperability between eScholarship and subject IRs (e.g. PubMed Central)
  - o Agent to contact for opting out will depend on what method is implemented (policy proposes 3 options). Opting out may involve faculty governance and would get constructed at the campus level through Senate.
  - o Role of Copyright Officers is not clear.

ACTION: John will try to strengthen the FAQ's emphasis on the advantages and positives of dissemination and preservation in a repository.

- Round Robin – campus activities/plans around the policy
  - o UCI – Planning a forum jointly sponsored by Senate Council on Research, Computing, and Library Resources (CORCLR) and campus administration. Plan for forum is to keep it simple, no presentations, but an unbiased dialog. Will be asking experts to attend who can address the issues. After forum will produce a joint report from senate and chancellor's office to capture UCI response. Timing: End of April.
  - o UCLA –Thinking about some kind of forum with the faculty. Also, doing a session with the librarians. A lot of interest, but not widely disseminated yet.
  - o UCSC – Ben Crow wants to put something together with UL and get faculty more involved. UL wanted to know if publishers were being contacted.
  - o UCB – Silence at Berkeley; approach to let faculty take the lead.
  - o UCD – Library committee hasn't met yet. Mtgs with department heads
  - o UCM – Thinks faculty will accept it readily.
  - o UCSF – Session held for librarians.

ACTION: Keep SCO group informed as we continue to plan locally. Send questions that arise to the SCO group so we can work with John on adding them to the FAQ.

- 3) Faculty attitudes regarding scholarly communications (copyright, etc.) study (Ober)
  - Awareness is rising; importance of making changes for the health of scholarly communication; individual behavior lags behind awareness
  - Expects report to be ready in the next couple of weeks
- 4) Robin Round discussion of campus reactions and strategies to the following <all>:
  - American Chemical Society (Persily & Ober email dated March 7, 2007)
    - o No activity/discussion regarding ACS's new hybrid model.
    - o New issue: ACS just released their own 'value-based pricing' statement (see Barclay email March 27, 2007). General agreement that this action warranted a response.

ACTION: Ask CDC and UC Science & engineering Libraries group to follow this issue. OSC (Ober) take a look at ACS's definition and UC's definition of value-based pricing and draft a response for considering by SCOs and CDC.

- Nature “babies” proliferation
  - CDC proposed a moratorium on pursuing subscriptions for Nature ‘babies’ as well as backfiles.

ACTION: Let Tanji and Yokote know if you have problems with this policy.

- Insufficient time to cover the following items. Will address via email:
  - o HHMI’s proposal to pay Elsevier’s “open access” fee for its scholars (Starr email March 9, 2007)
  - o Society for Automotive Engineering (Yokote emails March 21, 2007)

5) From JSC, need SCO input on: Is the DOAJ ([www.doaj.org](http://www.doaj.org)) membership program considered “transformative”? <all>

- General agreement that DOAJ meets our criteria for being transformative. It removes access barriers. Is used operationally by the UC Libraries to provide access to OA journals, which further demonstrates its transformative power.
- SCOs endorse UC participating in the membership program.

ACTION: Yokote will take SCO endorsement back to JSC.

6) Announcements:

- John distributed an outline for a meeting with society publishers. Delayed until fall. More to come.
- Society for Scholarly Publishing Annual Symposium in San Francisco June 6-8. [www.sspnet.org/](http://www.sspnet.org/) SCOs attending: Remak, Carter, Phillips, Ober, Yokote, Farb?, Tanji?