

Conference call notes - October 7

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Attending: Margaret Phillips (B) (recorder), Mary Page (D), Lorelei Tanji (I), Sharon Farb (LA), Susan Mikkelsen (M), Barbara Schader (R), Brad Eden (SB), Beth Remak (SC), Martha Hruska (SD), Catherine Mitchell and Elise Proulx (CDL), Joanne Miller (CDL), Marcus Banks (LAUC)

1. New members of SCO:

Beth Remak, Humanities Librarian, will be the new representative for UC Santa Cruz. Beth has previously been an SCO.

Joanne Miller will be a representative from CDL. Joanne has been involved in systemwide strategic planning, She has worked a great deal with the UL group, with SLAISAC and the RLF board. As a member of the SCO group, she can provide a connection between SCOs and UCOP.

Joanne asked about any impact that the NIH Policy may have had on the campus libraries because she is working with UC Federal Government Relations to help decide if UC should weigh in on the issue of FRPAA. Marcus (UCSF) shared a document with Joanne. Martha (UCSD) believes that we all "philosophically support" FRPAA and that, as a result of the NIH Policy, much of the infrastructure for implementing the mandate may already be in place. Sharon acknowledged that these federal laws are, in many ways, an unfunded mandate that may bring with it compliance and overhead issues but that the greater good of these laws outweighs potential problems with successful compliance.

2. eScholarship update:

Catherine Mitchell thanked the SCOs for feedback they provided and hopes to work more with the SCOs particularly on language about copyright and open access initiatives.

Catherine also pointed out that each campus will have a "landing page" for eScholarship that will highlight papers by campus authors and highlight local departments.

Meantime they are busy working on talking points and other collateral (buttons, bookmarks, etc.) that they will send out shortly and bring on their campus visits.

3. Open Access week plans

Marcus reminded everyone to look on the wiki to see what other campus activities have been planned. He will write up a news item that will go on the Reshaping Scholarly Communication site.

4. UL's response to Sustainability Initiative

Ivy summarized the UL response to the Sustainability Initiative in an email that Gail forwarded to the SCOs on 9/28/09 (subject line: UL Sustainability Initiative Feedback). Ivy, together with a small taskforce consisting of the SCO co-chairs (Gail and Margaret) and the current and past CDC chairs (Chuck Eckman and Julia Kochi) on incorporating UL priorities into a "public-facing document" and an outreach document to be used with faculty. These documents will be ready for the November UL meeting. Margaret and Gail will try to keep the SCOs updated on progress.

5. UL's response to SCO report

The ULs did not have time to discuss the SCO report at their meeting so there was no formal response to it. The ULs are continuing the discussion via email and, in particular, are voting on priorities for the SCOs. At this point, it appears there is support for the SCOs make faculty outreach, training for staff and eScholarship a priority; there appears to be less support for SCOs to take on the issues of copyright and alternative digital publishing.

6. CDC Concept Paper

Lorelei sent out the CDC Concept paper which helps to establish a strategic direction for UC collections. The ULs endorsed the paper and have asked the All Campus Groups to discuss. There was a brief discussion of how SCOs implement the goals of this paper. The SCO group has been engaged in topics of sustainability that support the goals of the CDC Concept paper.

7. Springer Open Choice

Margaret and Catherine had attended a meeting with Springer to touch base about the open choice platform. Springer provided a lot of preliminary data which showed an upward trend in UC uptake of the open choice option. On the other hand, there are still many eligible authors who are not participating in Open Choice, and we wondered if it is time for another publicity push. Jackie Wilson has agreed to provide some support in the form of flyer, publicity, talking points, as necessary.