

Scholarly Communication Officers
April 1, 2009 Meeting Notes

Attending: Marcus Banks (LAUC), Donald Barclay, Janice Contini, Brad Eden (co-chair), Sharon Farb, Martha Hruska, Catherine Mitchell, Gail Persily (co-chair), Margaret Phillips, Barbara Schader, Lorelei Tanji

Absent: Robin Dale, Mary Page

1. Scholarly Communication Priorities Document

Discussed summary that Janice Contini prepared of campus priorities regarding SC issues. Agreed that this compilation is useful. Janice reported that these priorities were very consistent with the charge to the SCO group. Discussion centered on identifying areas that we felt were of high importance and where Janice could have highest impact in short time period. Two areas were noted: 1) identifying people at CDL & UCOP that we can use as resource people for advocacy issues; 2) education – both internal for our own librarians/staff and external for our faculty.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Janice will contact Dan Greenstein, possibly through Laine Farley, to get his help identifying resource people for advocacy issues. Will summarize examples of advocacy issues where we need help:
 - o UC copyright addendum – who needs to review the text
 - o Advocacy re legislation such as Conyers bill
 - o Can also ask about the process for getting the “letter to the publisher” produced following the NIH policy
- Gail will create a wiki space for the SCO group that can serve as a clearinghouse for educational materials created by and used at the campus level. This space can also include eScholarship outreach materials

2. Progress Report from Fee-based Open Access Subgroup

Gail reported that the subgroup has an FAQ on this topic in progress. When discussing the 100 Top Journals list, the subgroup found it difficult to reach agreement on the best way to address the Fee-based OA column on the table. Some concerns about the difficulty of maintaining current information on the table were expressed; Lorelei thought the staff involved were quite committed to the task but said she would investigate further. The SCOs agreed that we should put a link to the list on the new wiki so that we can all refer to the data for internal use and campuses can decide individually if they want to link to the table from their public websites. The UC Irvine list is an example of how we can leverage campus activities for use by the whole system.

3. Review of Reshaping Scholarly Communication Website

As part of Janice Contini’s work to help the SCO group’s work move forward, we agreed to form a small task group to review the content on the website housed at OSC and identify what needs to be updated. Ideally, the group can assess what can be done with

some content editing and what their recommendations are regarding more major changes to the site. The task force currently consists of Janice Contini, Margaret Phillips, and Catherine Mitchell (or Elise Proulx). A fourth member from one of the campuses is needed. Sharon Farb thought somebody on her campus task force might be able to participate. We discussed how to involve UCOLASC and faculty in this process and decided we should inform the chair and co-chair of our desire to undertake this project and ask for their approval and any participation they might like to offer.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Gail will email Larry Armi and Rich Schneider regarding the website review project.
- Janice will follow-up with the SCOs to finalize the task group membership.
- Janice contacting Joanne Marshall to get an inventory of the pages on the website to help with the review.

4. New SCO co-chair

Brad reminded the group that his term as lead co-chair will end in June and a new co-chair to work with Gail Persily is needed. No volunteers stepped forward, but interested individuals were asked to contact Brad or Gail.