

**Statement of Purposes of Amendments to Bylaw 185:**

It has become increasingly clear to UC faculty that the traditional models of scholarly communication have become unsustainable. From ever-increasing journal subscription costs, to new modes and venues of scholarly production, to heightened competition for both profit and non-profit publishers (such as university presses and scholarly societies), libraries have struggled to guarantee faculty members access to scholarly information. Reflecting this state of affairs, the Academic Senate established the Special Committee on Scholarly Communication (SCSC) to address these issues. Subsequently, the SCSC has submitted five white papers that not only expounded on these issues, but also proposed solutions to them.

These white papers have also illustrated the need for long-term faculty oversight over scholarly communication, which should be facilitated through a systemwide standing committee of the Academic Senate. The University Committee on Library (UCOL) is the appropriate location for such faculty oversight, as scholarly communication is very germane to the business of UCOL. As the introduction to the SCSC's white papers aptly notes, UC librarians have been involved in the management of scholarly communication from the beginning. UCOL has subsequently not only become familiar with these issues, but more importantly, it has gained a significant body of expertise in this area. In addition, scholarly communications cannot and should not be divorced from faculty oversight and governance of the UC library system.

**Statement of Intended Effect of Amendments to Bylaw 185:**

The proposed amendment to Bylaw 185, which governs UCOL, would expand its charge to include oversight over scholarly communication. In its current form, Bylaw 185 limits UCOL to advising "the President concerning the administration of the libraries of the University in accordance with the Standing Order of the Regents." The proposed amendment would both expand UCOL's mandate to give it oversight over scholarly communication, and change its name from the "University Committee on Library" to the "University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication" to reflect this expanded mandate.

**CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

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## PROPOSED LANGUAGE

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