

UC Office of Scholarly Communication

Operations document

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Scope

The Office of Scholarly Communication, in partnership with the UC campuses, focuses on monitoring and synthesizing significant developments in scholarly communications with particular emphasis on implications for the UC academic community. OSC takes particular interest in legislative OA mandates, institutional OA policies, new publishing models, library/press collaboration opportunities, data publication, the development of new value metrics, and investment portfolios for open access.

As such, the OSC:

- Serves as a resource for the analysis of current and emergent topics such as the transformation of publishing and distribution models, the development of new value metrics, data publication and open data, and the economics of open access.
- Drafts statements on behalf of UC libraries regarding local or national policies and legislation, and establishes guidelines and procedures for the creation of such statements.
- Develops and maintains the OSC (<http://osc.universityofcalifornia.edu/>) website and associated content on scholarly communication, rights management and open access, as a clearinghouse of information for UC faculty, students and staff.
- Coordinates and provides centralized access, via the OSC website (<http://osc.universityofcalifornia.edu/>), to campus resources, working with campus partners to supplement these materials with new guides or statements where needed.

In addition to these ongoing tasks, the Office will align its activities with other scholarly communications efforts across UC in order to engage with the rapidly shifting scholarly communications environment by, for example:

- Hosting a national faculty/librarian speaker series, both live and recorded, that engages with the most pertinent and challenging issues faced by librarians who provide services in support of scholarly communications and the faculty who are navigating the many challenges and opportunities of this domain.

- Engaging I-School interns in focused projects that increase the OSC's research capacity and provide valuable real-world experience for students or newly minted professionals in library publishing/scholarly communications.
- Tracking and, as appropriate, coordinating or participating in national, regional or campus-based research projects focused on OA sustainability models, institutional OA publishing standards, OA Policy implementation strategies, etc.

Staffing

Staffing for the Office will follow a model that enables CDL and the UC campuses to work closely together to leverage expertise and capacity. While the Office requires no new staff, it will benefit enormously from clear channels of communication and input between CDL and key campus stakeholders to identify areas of focus and sustain work in those areas.

Laine Farley (Executive Director, CDL) and Karen Butter (University Librarian, UCSF) will co-lead the OSC as its Executive Directors.

Catherine Mitchell (Director, Access & Publishing, CDL) will manage the ongoing work of the OSC as its Operations Director.

Additional staffing will include CDL staff already focused on scholarly communications issues:

- Katie Fortney, Copyright Policy & Education Officer: intellectual property, rights management, copyright
- Ivy Anderson, Director, Collections: publisher issues, business models and licensing
- Joanne Miller, Senior Analyst, Strategic and Project Planning: copyright resources, liaison to UCOP policy units (e.g., state and federal government relations)
- Carly Strasser, Data Curation Specialist, UC3: data publication, new forms of scholarly communications and evaluation

Beyond CDL staff, OSC membership will also include one member from each of the following, with a two-year renewable term limit:

- UC Libraries Advisory Structure – Strategic Action Group 1 on Scholarly Research and Communication (SAG 1): Sharon Farb, UCLA
- UC Libraries Advisory Structure – Library Publishing Common Knowledge Group: Mitchell Brown, UCI
- UC Libraries Advisory Structure – Data Management Common Knowledge Group: rep TBD
- University Committee on Libraries and Scholarly Communication (UCOLASC), current chair: Roberto Manduchi, Professor, Computer Engineering, UCSC
- UC Press – Bekah Darksmith (Deputy Director)

- UCOP Office of Research and Graduate Studies (ORGS) – Wendy Streitz, consultant (to be confirmed)

In addition, the Office seeks to establish clear and regular lines of communication with the following:

- CoUL
- UC Academic Senate, via UCOLASC, UCORP or other committees, as needed
- Systemwide Library and Scholarly Information Advisory Committee (SLASIAC)
- potential additional liaisons representing Office of Research, and faculty members with a particular research or practical interest in scholarly communications.

The Office will also plan to communicate regularly with other related UC departments and groups such as Issues Management, Policy Analysis & Coordination (IMPAC), State Government Relations, Federal Government Relations, Office of General Counsel, and Office of Research and Graduate Studies. In light of its focus on scholarly communications issues as they pertain to the libraries, the faculty, campus research units, and the University’s legal and policy arm, the Office will operate under the aegis of SLASIAC, which has representatives from all stakeholders.

Governance

Given the proposed scope of the Office of Scholarly Communication and its broad range of stakeholders, which includes but is not exclusive to the UC Libraries, the office will operate under the aegis of SLASIAC, thus ensuring coordination with the Academic Senate, UCOLASC and other systemwide administrative units at the University.

The presence of representatives from SAG1, the Scholarly Publishing CKG and UCOLASC will ensure that the goals and activities of the OSC are aligned with those of these groups. As further means of attaining complementary and relevant services among these entities, the Operations Director of the OSC will sit on the SAG1 committee and serve as a consultant to UCOLASC. An additional member of the OSC will also sit on the Scholarly Publishing CKG. OSC will consult with the Coordinating Committee for the UC Libraries Advisory Structure for any issues that may intersect with other SAGs.

The Executive Director(s) of the OSC will ensure coordination with the Council of University Librarians. In addition, the co-Executive Directors are members of SLASIAC and the CDL Executive Director is a consultant for UCOLASC.

Meetings

The OSC will typically meet via conference call on a monthly basis for 1.5 hours. Should issues/initiatives arise that require more frequent communication, the membership will establish a plan for additional meetings. The OSC will also plan to have one face-to-face meeting in Oakland each year.

Communication

In addition to monthly phone calls, an OSC listserv will be used to support work/communication between calls. OSC staff will provide regular updates on OSC activity to SLASIAC, UCOLASC, CoUL, SAG1 and the Scholarly Publishing CKG.

Communication with the OSC regarding matters of interest to individual faculty, library staff or campus representative not associated with these groups will be managed via the OSC website (<http://osc.universityofcalifornia.edu/>) and the OSC email account (osc@ucop.edu). [[who does this go to and who responds?]

Work Plan

An annual work plan will be established via a collaborative process among OSC staff, to be reviewed by SLASIAC and shared with UCOLASC, SAG1 and the Scholarly Publishing CKG. The work described in the plan will be undertaken by OSC staff in conjunction with campus-specific and systemwide stakeholders. See Appendix A for the OSC work plan through August 2014.