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EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR AND PROVOST WAUGH

Dear Scott:

Thank you for your letter relaying the support of the Systemwide Library and Scholarly Information Advisory Committee (SLASIAC), a committee you chair, as well as the support of the University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (UCOLASC) for exploring expanded storage options for the UC Libraries. I share the commitment to exploring the best options in planning for collection management.

Your letter indicates that the Council of University Librarians (CoUL) has begun the task of defining the collection issues and may be ready to begin more formal explorations of our options for the three-pronged strategy you note: expansion, space management and collection management. This is, indeed, a shared, systemwide issue.

I understand that CDL Executive Director Laine Farley and Vice Provost Susan Carlson have had a preliminary conversation with Deborah Wylie, Associate Vice President for Capital Programs, and that UCOP no longer manages such projects and that one of the campuses will need to manage the planning as well as any future building projects. I understand, as well, that CoUL has already undertaken various strategies for dealing with the space crunch of the UC Libraries, including a de-duplication pilot for little-used “duplicate” items in the collection.

I would recommend, as a next step, that once CoUL has a set of viable options, its members bring the issue to the COVC, with a recommended plan for moving ahead with planning for possible solutions to the space issues we are facing, including the financing of a feasibility study. In addition to issues of managing any expansion project, there are funding issues that we will need to partner on.

It is rewarding to see the alignment of the various stakeholders—CoUL, SLASIAC, and UCOLASC—in support of taking the next steps to manage this important issue.

Cordially,

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cc: Academic Senate Chair Gilly  
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