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Provost and Executive Vice President Aimee Dorr  
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Dear Aimee:

In recent meetings of the Systemwide Library and Scholarly Information Advisory Committee (SLASIAC), the Chair of the Council of University Librarians (CoUL) has informed the Committee about the space issues faced by the UC libraries, including the status of the Regional Library Facilities (RLFs) that are quickly reaching capacity. If UC is to continue to support great collections of library materials – which is essential to the strength of the University – then it is critical that there is enough space in the system to house these resources.

As described by Lorelei Tanji, Chair of CoUL, the libraries are looking collectively at a three-pronged strategy to address the rapidly filling storage space: expansion, space management, and collection management. The strategies are all exploratory at this stage. Expansion could include adding on to the existing Northern Regional Library Facility (NRLF), which includes space for additional “phases” of building and is included in the draft plans for UC Berkeley’s Global Campus at the current Richmond Field Station. The libraries are also exploring options for building in a different location somewhere in California. Space management strategies include potentially adding higher density shelving or other options to further optimize existing space, while collection management strategies include investigating the cost benefit and feasibility of de-duplication projects for certain selected materials.

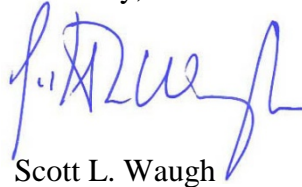
The attached letter from Roberto Manduchi, Chair of the University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (UCOLASC), expresses that Academic Senate committee’s support for expanding the NRLF and exploring other options and encourages the University administration to support the libraries in their efforts.

As the Chair of SLASIAC, I want to bring these activities – and UCOLASC’s support – to your attention as the options are being explored. Although the Northern Regional Library Facility is managed by UC Berkeley, it plays a significant role in systemwide support of the libraries’ services, including management of shared print collections, resource sharing, and

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mass digitization. As these investigations proceed, I hope you will provide advice and support wherever possible since the careful management of print collections is a key issue for many faculty.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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Vice Provost Susan Carlson  
Academic Senate Chair Mary Gilly  
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UCOLASC Chair Roberto Manduchi