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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.

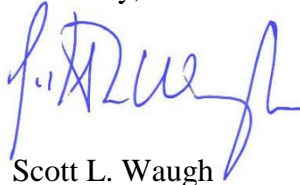
The attached letter from Roberto Manduchi, Chair of the University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (UCOLASC), expresses that Academic Senate committee’s support for expanding the NRLF and exploring other options and encourages the University administration to support the libraries in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



Scott L. Waugh
Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost

Attachment

cc: Council of University Librarians
Vice Provost Susan Carlson
Academic Senate Chair Mary Gilly
Academic Senate Vice Chair Dan Hare
UCOLASC Chair Roberto Manduchi



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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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aimée".

Aimée Dorr, Provost
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