

Affiliated Libraries Fall Assembly

November 7, 2007

8:20 – 9:50 a.m.

Goldberg Room, Boalt Hall

I. Welcome

Committee on Affiliated Libraries Affairs Chair Shannon Supple called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

II. Introductions

The following librarians and staff members introduced themselves and briefly described their work: Andrea Mitchell (Alcohol Research Group); Beth Weil (Bioscience and Natural Resources); Mari Miller and Claude Potts (Doe, Research and Collections); Chuck James (Earthquake Engineering Research Center); Waverly Lowell and Laura Ward (Environmental Design Archives); Lily Castillo-Speed (Ethnic Studies Library); Jeff Cole and Susan Garbarino (Giannini Foundation for Agricultural Economics); Frank Lester and Nick Robinson (Institute of Governmental Studies); Terry Huwe (Institute for Research on Labor and Employment); Rita Evans, John Gallwey, and Seyem Petrites (Institute of Transportation Studies); Barbara Bohl, Marlene Harmon, Enedina Vera (Law Library); Lucia Diamond, Jennifer Nelson, Shannon Supple (Robbins Collection); Paul Atwood, Trina Pundurs (Water Resources Center Archives)

III. Announcements and Reports

- Distinguished Librarian Award

Shannon noted that Alice Youmans and Waverly Lowell, Distinguished Librarian and Archivist, are both from the Affiliated Libraries. Lily Castillo-Speed invited everyone to the Award reception on December 5th at the Morrison Library.

- BILD (Berkeley Initiative for Leadership on Diversity) Proposal update

Lucia Diamond spoke about efforts to set up a Task Force that will establish a mentoring program for library staff. The program will focus on matching up librarians with staff who are interested in professional careers as librarians as well as other career paths in the library.

- TALAG (The Affiliated Libraries Administrative Group) report

Nick Robinson gave an update on the following TALAG issues: 1) participation in the selection of a new ILS by the Main Library; 2) inclusion of the Affiliated Libraries' collections in the final phase of the next generation Melvyl catalog; 3) ensuring that the CDL administration is aware of the needs of the Affiliated Libraries and that the Affiliated Libraries are able to participate in CDL initiatives such as the mass digitization planning process.

- Affiliated Libraries Technical Services Discussion Group report

Trina Pundurs reported on the group's activities, focusing on a best practices and procedures manual that is being developed for submitting materials to NRLF.

- Other announcements

- Rita Evans thanked those who have given assistance and support to library staff members involved in pursuing advanced degrees and career development. She encouraged others to provide this type of support.
- Lucia concurred with Rita's comments and stressed the merits of mentoring.
- Shannon noted that she will be attending the upcoming LAUC Statewide Assembly and asked that she be contacted if there were issues or concerns to be presented.
- John Gallwey noted that two Affiliated Librarians, Nick Robinson and Chris Tarr, will be on CAPA during 2007-2008.

IV. Program – Guest Speaker Ben Crow, Associate Professor of Sociology, University of California, Santa Cruz (<http://sociology.ucsc.edu/directory/details.php?id=4>) and Chair of the University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (UCOLASC) (<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/senate/committees/ucolasc/>)

After a brief introduction by Shannon, Professor Crow spoke about his participation on UCOLASC and how the committee has grown and expanded to assume a more activist stance on issues such as the role of libraries in digital and scholarly communication. He noted that the crisis in journals publishing and the unsustainable pricing policies have had a serious impact on scholarly communications. This prompted the Academic Senate to prepare five White Papers addressing concerns regarding journal publishing, scholarly book publishing, scholarly societies and scholarly communication, copyright management, and academic advancement. Another crisis, the high cost of online subscriptions, is having a major impact on library budgets. UC System-wide licensing has been one way to help mitigate costs.

Professor Crow discussed some priorities that have been established by UCOLASC. The first is to persuade faculty to retain a larger percentage of their copyright when publishing in journals. He noted that some faculty members have objections to this proposal and would rather have a more simple or voluntary approach to open access, with the University taking a lead role in negotiations with publishers. A second initiative from UCOLASC is to promote a subvention plan enabling junior faculty to more readily receive support for their “first book” publications.

Professor Crow next discussed the “University as Publisher” initiative in which the academic community is being encouraged to look into establishing itself as a publisher of scholarly communication in not only standard print publications but also in non-traditional and digital formats, such as databases and web pages. Professor Crow spoke about his experiences regarding his work on The Atlas of Global Inequality (<http://ucatlas.ucsc.edu/home.html>), with which some Affiliated Librarians are familiar and which they find to be an excellent example of non-traditional publishing.

Professor Crow mentioned the work of the Information Technology Guidance Council (ITGC) which is a faculty committee looking at the IT infrastructure of the University of California. Through a series of recommendations, a list of “Ten Grand Challenges” was developed which discuss new capabilities that could emerge from IT initiatives. Goals focus on research, teaching, and enhanced communications. Professor Crow spoke about the “Power of 10” concept and how it presents the University as a single whole university comprised of the strengths of the ten individual campuses. The California Digital Library (CDL) was offered as an example of this concept. Professor Crow then concluded the formal part of his presentation by pointing out that certain

criteria need to be considered in the search for the new director of the CDL. He suggested that the position should be filled by someone who is a combination of an entrepreneur, politician, and an intellectual.

An enthusiastic audience presented questions and comments to Professor Crow. A variety of issues were discussed, such as the collection and preservation of born digital documents, initiating change through smaller steps and realistic goals, and promoting greater collaboration between faculty and librarians.

Professor Crow also asked the audience to identify specific issues facing the Affiliated Libraries and how UCOLASC might be of assistance. A number of responses were offered, covering concerns such as: 1) coping with staff and space reductions; 2) ensuring that the Affiliated Libraries are included the next UC Libraries catalog; 3) the need for archivist representation on the CDL; 4) soliciting input from librarians and archivists in the selection of material that is being scanned and digitized in the Google Books project; 5) ensuring that publishers are aware of the closure of databases; 6) improving librarian-faculty relationships; and, 7) having faculty recognize the value of scholarship over a long period of time.

The program concluded with Professor Crow requesting a statement of information on the Affiliated Libraries and a brief description of TALAG initiatives and concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m

Respectfully submitted,

Seyem Petrites (Vice Chair, 2007-2008)