

General Membership Meeting 02/12/2020

 12 Feb 2020

LAUC-I General Membership Meeting Agenda

2/22/2020

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Location: LL 570

Food: Gina's Pizza

1. [2 min] Announcements
 - a. RPDC applications due Feb 14
 - b. Upcoming events - "Letters from Home" performance and exhibit in OC&SEAA and Claire Trevor tomorrow; next week Feb 19 at 5:30 Helen Zia giving a talk at Crystal Cove; staff lunch talk Feb 20 at 12:00pm at the Cross Cultural Center
 - c. Survey sent system-wide to faculty about attitudes related to Elsevier negotiations; UCI response rate around 60% so far, but still open
 - d. Valentines Card Making event in MRC Open Studio tomorrow Feb 13 12pm - 2pm
 - e. Thank you to Brian Member at Large) for pizza today!
 - f. Lorelei has shared an opportunity to participate in an open review process for a new book from ACRL on open review
2. [2 min] Approve General Membership, 10/23/19 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Meeting minutes are approved
3. [5 min] Budget/HR Update: Kevin Ruminson, Admin AUL
 - a. Starting next year's budget cycle; 5% general increase in state funds to the UC system
 - b. Some additional one time funds to UCs that aren't necessarily relevant to the libraries
 - c. Budget assumes flat tuition
 - d. Continuing debate in Board of Regents on whether or not tuition will increase
 - e. UCI continuing to shift from a growth to a steady environment
 - f. Research Library for Interdisciplinary Studies search is coming along with in-person interviews likely to be early to mid March
4. [5 min] Leadership Council Update: Kevin Ruminson, Admin AUL
 - a. A task force has been charged in APG with moving UCI from quarter system to semester system; Leadership Council has provided feedback to Lorelei with a general sentiment that the change would be positive overall, especially with regards to teaching and workload impact on librarians, as well as more time to request and receive interlibrary loans and perhaps less need to order materials rush, and one less need to offer 24/7 open hours
5. [5 min] Law Library update: Amy Atchison, Deputy Director
 - a. Celebration of Books will be held later in March; expect a more detailed announcement soon
6. [10 min] Committee Updates:
 - a. LRC update –Scott Stone, Committee Chair
 - no updates at this time
 - b. RPDC update –Hector Perez-Gilbe, Committee Chair
 - 2 applicants from UCI; both were approved
 - second round is only for presentation grants; due Feb 14
 - Overall a very low number of applicants compared to previous years; looking at possible ways to better promote and clarify the types of grants available
 - c. PC update –Nicole Carpenter, Committee Chair
 - i. Feb 19, talk on Misinformation; please RSVP
 - ii. Mar 6, Librarians Research Toolkit; please RSVP
 - iii. March 25, trip to the Huntington Library and Gardens; save-the-date
7. [10 min] Academic Senate Reports
 - a. CUARS - Council on Undergraduate Admissions and Relations with Schools, Krystal - most recent conversations have focused on whether or not UC should still be considering SAT in admissions; a Task Force has come back in support of keeping SAT scores, saying it does not have an adverse

effect on the number of students admitted to UC; there were questions from the committee about these findings and will continue to think about alternative ways to think about value and alternative suggestions; there are broad implications beyond California

- b. CEI - Council on Equity and Inclusion, Thuy - Major topic has been the Equity Advisor's Program, approx 10 year old program funded by NIS to diversify STEM fields, esp in regards to gender; program is currently under review, which includes interviews with part participants; also discussions of student assessment, and looked at a model from the School of Engineering for equity in hiring
 - c. CPB - Council on Planning and Budget, Kevin - financials behind named chairs and new programs, much discussion of SSGPDs (self supporting graduate degree programs), with some of these types of programs currently going through their first review and their impact on the finances of the university; other topics have included online-only undergraduate programs; Kevin provided an update on Elsevier negotiations with the majority of faculty demonstrating support
 - d. CORCL - Council for Research Computer and Libraries, Nicole C; group is discussing taking the word "computers" out of their name and creating a subcommittee; Research Data Management Systems has come up with an attempt to do an environmental scan on what is happening across the UC system; survey will likely be coming around again
 - e. Graduate Council, Danielle - focused on reviewing course changes; lots of current discussion on limiting schools and programs from coming back with a change year after year; want to allow more time for concrete conversations about graduate student needs like mental health and salaries
 - f. BUSHFA - Board on Undergraduate Scholarship and Financial Aid, Nicole A - main topics have included colleges giving either too many or too little honors (like *summa cum laude*), and University scholarships are now using a single application, and there will be possibility of removing letters of recommendation
 - g. *Subcommittee on Courses & Continuing, Part-Time, & Summer Session Education (SCOC)*, Jolene - trying to implement requirements for syllabi and will now be looking at syllabi that have been submitted
 - h. CTLSE - Council on Teaching, Learning, Student Experience, Stacy - Many guest speakers come in from different campus units to discuss student experience; notes how understaffed academic advising is; new director of academic advising, we are very far from standard student to advisor ratios, with some advisors assigned approx 2,000 students; other update on textbooks; Alison is on a task force related to student fees (additional costs to students for courses)
 - i. CHCB - Campuswide Honors Collegium Board, Richard - has been to one meeting so far, will report more next time
1. [10 min] LAUC wants to continue influence the [Academic Freedom Policy](#). Comments are still welcome on the [draft letter](#). After discussion, likely the letter would go to Michael Brown (Provost) and/or COUL.
 - a. We (librarians) have a right to file academic freedom related grievances, usually through our local academic senate. Each campus should figure out how it works in our local context.
 - i. Annette proposes convening a small task force that includes Kevin and possibly Amy or another law librarian and other LAUC members who may be interested in helping to figure out what the grievance process looks like on our campus; Annette will put out a call over email
 - b. Marty Brennan is a contact for questions related to grievances if we have questions
 2. [5 min] Feedback, LAUC-I New Website: <https://lauci-dev.lib.uci.edu/>
 - a. Note: All members of LAUC-I Executive Board will have editing privileges.
 - b. Recommendation to make sure any old information is carefully cleaned up and deleted
 1. [5 min] Feedback, LAUC-I & Statewide Service Roles Overview Spreadsheet
 - a. Happiness all around for this spreadsheet! Thanks to Annette.
 1. [20 minutes] Feedback, Procedural updates to the [LAUC-I Bylaws](#). This is only opening a discussion. We will **not** be voting on changes to the bylaws in this meeting. Topics under consideration include but are not limited to:
 - Academic Freedom Grievance Procedure(?)
 - [Article IV Section 6](#): Revising duties of the Vice Chair Re: appointments
 - [Article V Section 1](#): Do we need to articulate that all Exec. Board members are *voting* members?
 - [Article V Section 4](#): Number of meetings per year (six?).
 - [Article VI Section 1](#): Number of meetings per year (four?). Also new meetings with Exec. Board and Finance Office.
 - [Article VI, Section 4.b](#): The Chair, not the Secretary, has been notifying membership of meetings &

agendas.

- Article VII, Section 7.b: October 1st date needs to change, before new LAUC-I Executive Board meets.
- Article VII, Section 7.e-f: Modify the language to make the process for replacing members more efficient?
- Article VII, Section 8.a.2: Modify language for LRC Chair in years when two librarians rotate on.
 - Option 1) "...the chair shall be the member who has served the longest as a librarian at UCI."
[This eliminates the vote dynamic.]
 - Option 2) "...higher number of votes. In the event of a tie, the member who has served the longest as a librarian at UCI will be chair."

Notes from general participants -

- Other campuses vary their bylaws to fit their local needs
- We haven't actually had 6 executive meetings or 4 general meetings in many years
- General agreement that we have the flexibility to update/fit our bylaws to our current practices
- Some comments generally in support of having the most senior UCI librarian become a committee chair (ie LRC) in the situation when there are 2 eligible committee members
- Consider the situation when someone replaces another who has dropped a committee, what would that look like
- What happens when someone with seniority doesn't want to be chair?

1. Wrap up and adjournment