

Minutes
LAUC-I General Membership Meeting
Monday, February 10, 2003
1:00-3:00pm, SL 104

Present: Ariel, Collins, Davis-Kahl, Ford, Gelfand, Goldberg, Grahame, Horn, Hughes, Jazayeri, Kaufman, Landis, Love, Manaka, Renton, Riggs, Ruttenberg, Sisson, Sorrell, Stringfellow, Tanji, Tunender, Urrizola, Vick, Wilson, Yu

Meeting Called to Order at 1:05pm

Manaka reviewed the agenda, including the Bylaws revisions, Committee charges, Spring Assembly planning and a report from the Systemwide Professional Governance Committee.

I. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the January 13, 2003 General Membership Meeting were approved as distributed.

II. Old Business

A. Bylaws Revisions

Manaka shared the concerns/questions of the Executive Board regarding the Bylaws revisions. She mentioned the most important changes to the Bylaws. The changes that were discussed are listed below:

Article IV. Officers. Section 6. Subsection J.

The duties of the Chair have been revised to include the Chair's duty of providing annual charges to the standing committees. The membership decided that the charges should be provided by October 1st.

Article IV. Officers. Section 7. Subsection D.

Revise the duties of the Vice Chair (Chair-Elect) to include "submit regular financial reports to the Executive Board and General Membership."

Article VII. Committees. Section 7. Subsection I.

The membership debated the addition of the following wording to the nominations of candidates for standing committees: "No more than one member of each committee shall be from the same department." Manaka conveyed the Executive Board's concern that this would limit LAUC members' participation on committees. Some members expressed concern that having several members from the same department on a committee would impact the work of the department. Others felt that a limitation would be unduly restrictive. The membership could not agree on this sentence, except as it applied to the membership of the Library Review Committee. A vote was

taken to provide the Executive Board with a sense of the membership present. Fifteen members were in favor of omitting the sentence limiting the number of members from the same department on a committee; three were opposed and 1 abstained. The members were reminded that the Executive Board will consider the comments provided and the results of the vote when finalizing the Bylaws revisions.

Article VII. Committees. Section 8. Duties of the Standing Committees. Subsection A.5.

In this subsection about the Library Review Committee, members questioned what an “administrative unit” was. The phrase will be deleted and the sentence will read: “No two members shall be from the same department.”

Article V. Executive Board. Section 1.

Manaka presented a proposal to expand the membership of the Executive Board to include the Chairs of all standing committees. Currently, only the Chair of the Library Review Committee is on the Executive Board. Members discussed the proposal, including 1) whether there should be a minimum number of members present in order to conduct business at an Executive Board meeting or 2) whether only certain members, such as the officers, need be present. A vote was taken to provide the Executive Board with a sense of the membership present. Thirteen members were in favor of adding the Chairs of the standing committees to the Executive Board; zero opposed and five abstained.

Article VII. Committees. Section 10. Nominating Elections Committee.

The members debated changing the date by which the Nominating Elections Committee is appointed. The membership decided not to change the date since the Nominating Elections Committee needs to be in place early in the year in case special elections are required.

B. LAUC-I Committee Charges and By-Laws Revisions

Manaka sent these to the membership via email.

C. 2002 Spring Assembly Follow-up Issues for LAUC-I to Address

Manaka will send an email detailing what the membership needs to review regarding the Systemwide Position Papers and Professional Governance Committee report. LAUC-I needs to respond to the report and to Position Paper No. 1 in preparation for the Spring Assembly.

II. New Business

A. LAUC-I Diversity Committee

Manaka led a discussion of the need for a representative to the Systemwide Diversity Committee. Recently, a librarian member of the UCI Library Diversity Team also has served on

the Systemwide Committee. The membership discussed the option of formalizing this with the election of a LAUC-I member to serve on the Library's Diversity Team and also as our representative to the Systemwide Committee. Kaufman questioned implementing this option since the Diversity Team members represent the library staff as a whole, not just librarians. The UCI Library Diversity Team is unique among UC Libraries. Members discussed whether we needed to reestablish the LAUC-I Cultural Diversity Committee with the chair serving on the Systemwide Committee. Members questioned what this committee would do since the UCI Library's Diversity Team is actively engaged in promoting diversity activities within the Library. It was suggested rather than reestablishing a LAUC-I Committee that we elect a representative to the Systemwide Committee and that the representative would not serve on the Library's Diversity Team.

B. Update on LAUC & HOPS IL Initiative

Hughes (Chair, University Librarians' Information Literacy (IL) Common Interest Group) provided an overview of the meeting on IL she and Esther Grassian (Chair, LAUC) had with the Systemwide UC Academic Senate's University Committee on Educational Policy (UCEP.) She referred to the email message Grassian sent to the LAUC Executive Board and which is attached to our meeting agenda packet. Members of the UCEP were receptive to the concept of IL. Hughes said that she and Grassian learned that UCEP generally deals with issues that are referred to them from the campuses and that local autonomy was an important issue. The UCEP provided very good ideas about what the UC libraries and LAUC could do, especially by working at the local level.

C. 2002 LAUC-I Membership Drive

Manaka reviewed the number of people needed thus far for offices and committees: 4 people are needed for the LAUC-I positions of Vice Chair/Chair Elect, Secretary and 2 members at large; and for the LAUC positions of Secretary and the Committee on Committees, Rules and Jurisdiction. More information on the membership drive will be shared at the April LAUC-I meeting.

III. Announcements

A. Program Committee

Urrizola and Woo reported on the Committee's brown bag on maximizing conference attendance.

B. Call for Project Team Members

Manaka asked for volunteers to serve on a Library-wide project team, which will develop guidelines for "recognition events" such as retirements, new hires, etc.

C. LAUC Executive Board Meeting Preparation

Manaka shared some of the agenda items for the LAUC Executive Board Meeting, including speakers for the Spring Assembly, the Privacy Act, discussion of Position Paper No. 1, etc. She asked members to let her know if they are interested in hearing the meeting being held via conference call.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.