

REPORT
to LAUC-I Members on LAUC Fall Assembly
by Manuel Urrizola, Member-at-Large
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Arriving early, I helped LAUC-B set up for the meeting and met many colleagues from UC Berkeley. Refreshments were provided during Registration: 9:30-10:00.

LAUC President Linda Kennedy promptly called the Business Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The Agenda was reviewed and approved with minor changes. UC Berkeley University Librarian welcomed the delegates and spoke about Clark Kerr (recently deceased) and quoted from Kerr's memoirs some of his observations about librarians.

LAUC Secretary Barbara Schader led a roll call and introduction of Assembly Delegates. The Minutes of the previous Spring Assembly were approved.

President Kennedy, in her report, called for a reorganization of LAUC, explored ways to increase the input of members with more meetings (perhaps Web-casts), and especially sought means to increase LAUC's interaction with the many System-wide Library groups that meet regularly (e.g., SOPAG, HOTS, and HOPS).

Following the Presidents report, the Assembly received reports from LAUC Representatives to System-wide Groups – some in person, some in writing.

Myron Okada, Director UC Office of Academic Personnel, presented the UC Office of the President Report:

- The good news was that the bad news was not so bad. Budget cuts for UC are nowhere near what most feared.
- Regents will not be asking for salary increases.
- Fees will increase
- Outreach programs are being zeroed out.
- START Program was not supported by most managers
- No early retirement incentives are expected.
- No layoffs of academic personnel are expected.

Next the Assembly received Reports from LAUC Committees and Task Forces. Some of the highlights were:

- Ad Hoc Awards Committee reported that the Award for new librarians to attend LAUC Assemblies will continue this year.
- Committee on Committees, Rules and Jurisdiction created a chart of standing committees of LAUC, the Academic Senates, and the offices of the ULs. Then the Assembly went through the proposed By-law changes including:
 - ✓ Dropping language describing the Past President as an officer;
 - ✓ Favored option 2 concerning changes to representation of LAUC Assemblies but sent proposal back to Committee for numbers relating to options;
 - ✓ Fine tuned the language of the various proposals with UCI delegates Joan and Bill instrumental in providing clarity and consistency.
- Nominations Committee is seeking names for next year's officers and for future officers.

The Assembly broke for lunch at noon and resumed business promptly at 1:00 p.m.

The afternoon session was dominated by discussion of the proposals of the Position Paper Review Task Force to revise Position Paper No. 1. (This Paper, as you recall, concerns criteria for promotion. UC Davis moved to “retire” the document. A friendly amendment was accepted changing “retire” to “making no changes to”. This motion was discussed at length. Delegates felt that too much time was being expended on revising the position paper, time better spent on a new position paper dealing with the “Distinguished” step. The motion passed. The Task Force was commended for its work on this difficult task.

Under Old Business, the Assembly went over the recommendations of the Information Literacy Task Force Report. The Assembly revised the wording of the recommendations, thus making them the Assembly’s recommendations according to a ruling by the Parliamentarian. All of LAUC-I’s suggestions were incorporated.

Under New Business, the Assembly unanimously passed two resolutions:

- 1) LAUC Resolution Honoring Allan Dyson, who will be retiring from UC Santa Cruz and formerly of UC Berkeley.
- 2) LAUC Resolution Honoring Judy K. Horn, who will be retiring from UC Irvine and formerly of UC Santa Barbara. The resolution highlights in bold Judy’s contribution to LAUC history with the production and publication of **LAUC: the First 25 Years: a History of the Librarians Association of the University of California, 1967-1992.**

UC Riverside was announced as the site of Spring Assembly on May 13, 2004. The Fall Assembly adjourned right on time at 3:30 p.m.