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LAUC Colleagues--

The Fall 2004 Assembly was a huge success. The forum we created provided an excellent platform for our speakers, which included the Systemwide Operations and Planning Group (SOPAG), and members of the faculty. Our registrations exceeded 110 persons, and colleagues from the faculty, the CDL and the Office of Systemwide Library Planning all chose to attend.

Here are some brief news items for general distribution.

FALL ASSEMBLY WEBCAST IS NOW LIVE

For those of you who could not attend, tune in to the Webcast, which is well-produced with clear speech and images. Point your browsers at: http://library.berkeley.edu/LAUC/fallassembly04/webcast.html

NEWS: LAUC REGIONAL LIBRARY FACILITIES BOARD MEMBER APPOINTED

LAUC received two expressions of interest from outstanding candidates for the newly formed Board. Of these two, Provost M.R.C. Greenwood has appointed Sam Dunlap (SD) to fill the first term. Congratulations, Sam!

SYSTEMWIDE STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS FOR LIBRARIES AND SCHOLARLY INFORMATION UPDATE

Divisional Chairs will be leading local activities to discuss this far-reaching document, and will coordinate their efforts with other activities that may be underway or planned by the University Librarians. Ann Jensen (B), SLASIAC Rep, has provided links to the "executive summaries" that describe the plan's recommendations, which I list below. However--please take a moment to read the whole document.

http://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/planning/

The four perspectives are:
Perspectives on budgeting issues
Perspectives on state financing issues
Faculty perspectives
Perspectives for CIOs

HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBER OF LAUC: MYRON OKADA

At the Fall Assembly, LAUC conferred honorary lifetime membership on Myron Okada, and Kari Lucas (SD) delivered eloquent and humorous remarks as part of the presentation. Since Kari served as President during the process of review of the Librarian Series, I was very pleased to invite Kari to attend the Assembly--Thanks so much, Kari!

FUTURE ACTIVITY

I will be in contact with the Executive Board and the membership in the coming weeks to announce several initiatives that were approved, but could not be launched until the Fall Assembly had been concluded. These include a call for authors for position papers, a call for guest opinions for the LAUC Web, and some news on the instructional activities of librarians. For now, I would like to reiterate my thanks to the many people who made the Assembly a big success!

Best Regards, Terry Huwe

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