

Research and Professional Development Committee (RPDC) Annual Report, 2017-2018

Charge

The Committee on Professional Development shall monitor and provide leadership on ongoing professional development and mentoring opportunities for LAUC-I members.

1. Coordinate LAUC-I activities associated with the LAUC (System-wide) "Call for Research Proposals, UC Research Grants for Librarians."
2. Undertake other duties as directed by the LAUC-I Chair and the Executive Board.

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Members

John Sisson (Chair) (2016-2018), Becky Imamoto (2016-2018), Emilee Mathews (2017-2019), Joshua Hutchinson (2017-2019), Julia Gelfand (2018-2019)

Summary of Activities

Fall 2017: LAUC-I submitted 3 presentation grants, 1 research grant, and 1 mini-grant. The 3 presentation grants and the 1 mini-grant were funded, the research grant was not funded.

Spring 2018: LAUC-I submitted 1 presentation grant. The presentation grant was funded. A member of the RPDC left UCI and the LAUC-I Chair was asked to appoint a new member for fill out the term.

Issues to resolve next year

1. Currently, two persons goes off the committee while 2 people come on. This makes for a difficult transition of leadership since a new chair has to be chosen between the two continuing members and communicated to the LAUC-I chair by Sept 1.
2. Who should be the UCI representative to the LAUC RPDC committee? A new representative has to be chosen between the two continuing members and communicated to the LAUC chair by Sept 1. Practice has been it should be the chair of the UCI RPDC, because the chair is then in the best position to lead the UCI committee in reviewing the grants and communicating the statewide committee actions and decisions. Other considerations: 1) the UCI representative can't apply for grants, 2) the level of experience the UCI representative will have on the grants process.
3. How to increase the number of LAUC-I research grants submitted. We should consider programs and other outreach. An earlier call will be sent out for the Fall 2018 cycle.