

## HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY COMMITTEE

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Carlson Health Sciences Library

Conference Room

3:30 to 5 pm

Members present: Denis Dwyre, Alla Fomina, Jose Abad, James Angelastro, Munash Chigerwe, and Jorge Nieto  
Members absent: Hung Ho, Lee-Way Jin, Krystal Chan, Lori Hougen, Molly Church, and India McEvoy  
Ex officio: Gail Yokote, Keir Reavie, Deanna Johnson, and Rebecca Davis  
Recorder: Bambi Rhoden

### 1. Call to order

2. **Approval of minutes of the last meeting:** Approved.

### 3. Updates from schools:

#### a. Are there any significant changes in schools or departments the library should know about?

The School of Medicine isn't discussing budget problems and seems to be in good shape. UCD Health System is encouraging people to send in comments and concerns to prepare for their planned Strategic Planning Committee.

In the School of Veterinary Medicine budget issues are a concern due to \$2-3 million cuts. There will be increases in student class sizes. There are no plans to replace retirees and separated staff. There have been inconsistent case loads affecting the Vet Med Hospital, especially large animals. The customers are having a hard time paying the bill.

#### b. Is there any news on progress of the new Veterinary Medicine 3B building?

The project will begin around mid March of 2011. They will be moving the Dean's office to the new building.

### 4. **Blaisdell Medical Library Update:** (Rebecca Davis)

We received funds from the School of Medicine to extend hours of operation. In December for 2 weeks, February for 1 week, the end of April, and the first part of May. BML also offers classes in PubMed, Endnote, and more in 1 hour sessions for 3<sup>rd</sup> year students. Bruce Abbott meets with the School of Nursing, School of Medicine, and Residents to teach classes as well.

### 5. **Carlson Health Sciences Library Update:** (Deanna Johnson)

The library had a permanent budget reduction in 2010/11. The offset will need to come from staffing & collections. We haven't received any updates from the Joint Academic Senate/Administration Task Force on the University Library

The restrooms are undergoing construction to make them Disabled accessible.

The libraries are hosting a visiting intern from South Africa named MARGARETHA (Marguerite) ALICE NEL. She will be here for a few weeks in March and April. Her focus is Vet Med and she seeks innovative ideas to take back to her library.

**Survey on use of Carlson space:** (Keir Reavie, Alla Fomina)

The discussions on survey topics include patron interest in library resources, useful tools, technology, space, and to determine how many buildings are needed to serve these purposes. In 2009, proposals were submitted on how to reach a range of groups. If this community endorses the libraries then we can apply for an IRB exemption. The goal is for Library Committee members to encourage their various groups/disciplines, including students to complete the survey. Jose Abad is willing to edit the survey and forward to the committee. We currently have Survey Monkey and there are plans to ask Systems to set up the survey. The target date for finalizing the survey is June, for distributing it in August-September to the faculty, and later to the students.

- a. **Survey of to Identify Factors Associated with Indirect Costs:** A consulting firm with an ARM contract is conducting the survey randomly 1-2 times each month. The intent of the survey is to determine who is using the libraries for research or other purposes. The Campus indirect rates can change based on survey results and other factors.

6. **Status of Health Sciences Library staffing after Keir's departure as Head of HSL:** Keir will be departing to move to New York as his wife has taken a position at the Weil Cornell School of Medicine. Deanna Johnson will be acting Department Head for CHSL, Rebecca Davis will be acting Department Head for BML, and Karen Andrews, Department Head for the Physical Sciences & Engineering Library, will be the acting Head for the Shields Library Biological-Agricultural Sciences Department as well. Gail Yokote continues as Associate University Librarian for the Sciences and Technical Services.

7. **Collections Update:**

a. **Recent journal packages negotiations and CDL review process:**

**Nature Publishing Group** – Negotiations continue while access is month to month until an agreement is reached.

**Springer journals and electronic books** – The renewal negotiations were very difficult because the publisher was not interested in reducing the ejournal package costs without a reduction in content. Beginning in 2011 through 2012, low use, non-core niche titles will be moved to an unsubscribed category. UC access to these titles will remain as long as Springer supports the titles on their platform. UC will continue to license Springer ebook series titles in 2011 through 2012, want to select the titles included in the package.

**Taylor and Francis** – The libraries are looking for a reduction in costs by subscribing only to the vital collections needed.

**Informa Health Care** – The license was canceled because of hefty price increase and other problematic business terms (See announcement:

<http://www.cdlib.org/cdlinfo/2011/01/31/cancellation-of-informa-healthcare-journals-as-of-january-1-2011/>). UC Davis continues to subscribe to Inhalation Toxicology, Medical Mycology, International Journal of Food Sciences and Nutrition, and Current Medical Research and Opinion.

Note that ejournal and database negotiations for 2011 and 2012 will become increasingly challenging in light of the bleak UC financial picture. Ejournal use statistics as the sole discriminator to determine whether to subscribe to an ejournal is problematic since it does not account for niche subjects, such as veterinary medicine which is of great interest and need by only one UC campus. The library needs faculty and graduate students to carefully consider the author rights associated with the journal in which they publish. Giving up reuse and derivative works rights for research and teaching can affect the subscription cost of the journal which libraries must pay. The current escalating subscription costs and increasing number of specialty journals is not economically viable or sustainable for libraries.

## 8. Other Business:

### a. **Formation of UC Davis General Library data management team**

Under the leadership of the California Digital Library, each UC library has named a team of librarians to assist faculty and graduate students to meet the data management plan requirements set by NSF and NIH. UC Davis representatives include Deanna Johnson, Raquel Abad, Phoebe Ayers, and Ruth Gustafson.

## 9. Adjournment