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RE: SLASIAC Report, May 9, 2013

SLASIAC has held two meetings in AY 2012/13. One in-person on October 23, 2012 and one conference call on February 25, 2013. Our next meeting will be Monday, June 10, 2013, and will be a conference call.

All meeting notes can be found at <http://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/slasiac/meetings>

Highlights from the AY 2012/13 SLASIAC meetings include:

UC Open Access policy

- Background of the proposed policy was provided by Chris Kelty, chair of UCOLASC. Faculty regularly express three main concerns:
 1. Academic freedom – what/where/how to publish, and how the policy might affect young scholars.
 - a. Answer: There's an opt-out option for anyone who doesn't want to (or cannot) abide by the terms of the policy.
 2. Concern about the fragile financial state of some scholarly societies, whose revenue often comes from their publications.
 - a. Answer: Whether or not the policy passes, small scholarly societies still face an unstable future. (And, there are ways to support the societies with open access fees.) Small publishers may also use the opt-out clause to protect themselves.
 3. Implementation – can CDL handle, and how much work will it be for faculty?
 - a. Answer: It is possible for CDL to handle the implementation, and for faculty to submit articles without too much additional work, but the implementation might not be 100%. Additional resources will be needed to scale up and minimize what faculty need to provide.
 4. During the February conference call, Chris Kelty updated SLASIAC on the status of the policy, including a summary of all the comments received about the proposed policy. A revised draft of the policy would be forthcoming.

E-research and data curation: engaging with other sectors of the University

- Trish Cruise from CDL provided an overview about the topic of data preservation and curation and the tools CDL is developing.

UC Online Education and implications for the libraries

- UCOE currently has 35 courses in various stages of development.
- Concerns:
 - Ownership concerns, which has been an issue since the initiation of the pilot program two years ago. The license agreement signed by instructors complies with the University's copyright policies, but adds a non-exclusive license for the

University to publish and make modifications to courses. Faculty have voiced concerns, which have been forwarded to the Senate Committee on Faculty Welfare.

- The main concern from the libraries is how to serve the non-matriculated students that will be enrolling in UC online courses. The libraries license materials to be available to UC students, which brings up technical, legal, and funding issues if non-UC students attempt to access the licensed content.