

TO: LAUC President Michael Yonezawa

FR: LAUC Committee on Professional Governance 2010/11
Chair, Heidi Hutchinson

RE: 2010/11 Final Report

DT: 27 June 2011

Committee charge:

“Analyze the information gathered during the 2009/2010 Academic Year and submit to LAUC a report on the future of UC librarianship. This report should provide recommendations on what and how we as librarians will need to do to reaffirm and redefine librarianship at the University of California.”

Committee members:

Lynn Jones (Berkeley), David Michalski (Davis), Pauline Manaka (Irvine), Lynda Tolly (Los Angeles), Jim Dooley (Merced), Heidi Hutchinson (Riverside), Duffy Tweedy (San Diego), Peggy Tahir (San Francisco), Beverly Ryan (Santa Barbara), and Lucia Orlando (Santa Cruz)

Collecting the data to compose this white paper has been an interesting two-year exercise, carried out by two consecutive Committees on Professional Governance (2009/10 and 2010/11). The present committee has tried hard to find definitions and characteristics of the future UC librarian, and though we realize that our observances will become dated, we hope that the paper will serve LAUC and its members well for the next few years. It must be noted that we did adhere to a somewhat traditional breakdown into four areas of librarian activities; perhaps in time these too will become obsolete, but both committees and the Assembly “breakout” groups who provided much of our discussion and input also felt most comfortable with these divisions. The committee recognizes that these traditional labels may not exhaustively represent the diversity of roles performed by LAUC librarians. However, the committee identified many transferable skills sets that can be applied across various areas of librarianship practiced by LAUC members.

As we gathered information, especially this year, we relied heavily on the various systemwide library committee and task force reports that seemed to be issuing forth at a breathless pace. In some respects, I feel that the Committee could have worked for a few more months, until *all* of the planning documents had been issued, reviewed, discussed and digested – and in our case, scanned for requirements of the librarians that will carry out the plans, tasks, assignments and collaborations set forth therein. But after two years, there needed to be an end to our activity. This is it.

Looking back over the past two years, I need especially to acknowledge the tireless work of my predecessor as Chair of the LAUC Committee on Professional Governance, Matt Conner, whose energetic, innovative and multi-dimensional approach to information gathering and whose valuable committee report provided the foundation for this final white paper.

Though it does not contain specific recommendations for action, the Committee hopes that this paper will be widely discussed and that the skills and attributes of NextGen LAUC members might be taken into consideration in the context of recruitments for future UC librarians.

A list of information sources (including LAUC Assemblies) is attached to the report.