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The Committee this year consisted of John Baez, David M. Crohn (Chair), Ralph L. Crowder, Kimberly J. Devlin, Andrew S. Jacobs, and Christopher A. Reed. Ruth M. Jackson (University Librarian) also actively participated.

On October 6, 2006, the Committee evaluated the impact of a proposed program in Media and Cultural Studies. On December 15, 2006 we discussed a proposal for the Establishment of a School of Public Policy. On April 27 we discussed a revision of the proposal for the and the University's proposed Open Access Policy. On November 7, 2006, Chair David Crohn attended a system-wide Library & Scholarly Communication meeting in Oakland.

The Library Committee once again recommends that all proposals should consider the strength of the current Library collection and anticipate future demands on the Library budget. The University Librarian has indicated that the Library can provide assistance in anticipating the impact of new programs on Library resources. All proposals for new or substantially amended programs be supplied to the office of the University Librarian for official comment.

The Library Committee feels that the University's Draft Open Access Policy is worth pursuing. Members feel that for this policy to be successful, attention should be given to its effect on faculty. To this end, the program should be both convenient and transparent to scholars, and that a system-wide program should be developed that will assume the burden of negotiating with publishers. Members also recommend that the University adopt a policy of negotiating the Open Access Policy directly with publishers as it contracts with them for access to scholarly publications. To clarify the level to which faculty are expected to comply with this Policy, Members ask that the term "routinely" be clarified in its final text.

On October 6, 2006, the Committee formally requested an estimate of the resources that would be required to operate the proposed program in Media and Cultural Studies. As the revised proposal, released on April 10, 2007, did not include such an estimate, the Committee asked the University Librarian supply a review of the Library's related current holdings and anticipated needs. Upon review of this report, the Committee agreed to support the establishment of the program, as long as the Library is given resources needed the support it. We will soon forward specific dollar amounts that we feel will be sufficient to establish and maintain Library resources needed to support an excellent UCR program in Media and Cultural Studies.

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