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The committee met on Friday February 27th. The chair attended two meetings of the system-wide University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications (UCOLASC) in Oakland.

The committee met to discuss the impact of the financial crisis on the library. The committee noted that this year's budget cuts fell heavily on the acquisition of books and monographs -- of special importance to members of the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences. Some numbers make the dire situation clear. In 2008 the library bought $930,000 of print books. This year it bought only $375,000. The budget for monograph series was slashed from $290,000 to $100,000. Spending on personnel, electronic databases, electronic serials and electronic books actually rose, for a variety of reasons. The committee sent a letter to all members of CHASS informing of this issue and urging them to support the library in the next round of budget cuts.

The committee and the University Librarian agreed to undertake a program of educating faculty about open access issues and the California Digital Library's eScholarship program.

At the system-wide UCOLASC meeting, it was decided to continue the push for a University of California open access policy. Some memos were drafted regarding this policy, and a letter was written opposing Rep. Conyer's bill H.R. 801, which would overturn the National Institute of Health's open access policy.

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