The Committee on Library, Information Technology and Scholarly Communication (LITSC) met eight times during the 2014-2015 academic year. Following is a summary of Committee activities from September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015.

The Committee oversaw the allocation and distribution of the Innovative Use of Information Technology in Teaching (IUIT) grant in coordination with the Office for the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and the Office of Computing and Communication. Nine applications were received for the grant, of which six were approved for funding. A total of $173,605.50 was disbursed. This is the IUIT programs final year; in order for the program to continue, LITSC will need to reapply to Computing & Communications for the funding. It was suggested that the committee wait one year to reapply for funding because all of the final reports from past IUIT grants have not yet been received. Data from final reports will help determine if the funding was useful and should be continued.

The Committee had a conference call with Katherine Kott, a consultant hired to help with the implementation of the Library’s Strategic Plan. The committee suggested that the Library staff be expanded to help with electronic resources as currently faculty have no support in this area. Ms. Kott agreed to share this request with the Library. When asked by committee members, Ms. Kott indicated that her involvement with the Plan was not at the level that included faculty implications related to Open Access or where funds raised by the Library will be invested. However, she offered to advise the Library to find a way to involve faculty in decisions to spend the funds that are raised.

Acting Chair Latham addressed concerns received regarding the deaccessioning of texts and problems faculty are having with e-books. Ms. Scott (Associate University Librarian for Collections and Scholarly Communication) informed the committee that the deaccessioning of books has to do with the library’s space issue which is a common problem with all academic libraries. In light of the plans to increase student enrollment and faculty, the Library is taking a serious look at the space issue.

The Committee reviewed and provided feedback on the following:

- Proposed new UC policy on Open Access – most of the committee’s concerns pertained to students and post-docs. Concern was expressed about an embargo being placed on the author and if UC plants to take full legal responsibility if a non-Senate member mistakenly uploads a version that the publisher does not allow. The committee felt that the timeline of the proposal was not clear.

- Proposal for a Master of Science in Global Health – the committee did not have any major concerns with the proposal.

- Proposed Revisions to SBL 128.D.2 (Vice Chairs) – the committee was in favor of the proposed revisions.
• UC Policy on Copyright & Fair Use – the committee was clear on the intent of the text to provide overall guidelines. Several committee members suggested that the UC Copyright website be more publicized for faculty and students. In addition, committee members also felt that the definition of “brevity” (pp. 5-6) as applied to “Fair Use” materials, though clear, seems to impose rather severe limitations on materials that instructors feel are needed for their courses.

• Systemwide Senate review of proposed revisions to APM-360, Librarian Series and APM-210-4, Instructions to Review Committees – the committee had no comment except to concur with the changes.

Committee Vice Chair Chikako Takeshita attended meetings of the University Committee on Libraries and Scholarly Communication and provided regular reports back to the Committee on the progress of the University Open Access Policy.

Respectfully submitted,

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