**Scholarly Communications Committee**

**Council of Library Deans**

**Quarterly Report**

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**Mark Stover, Chair**

* The 2020-2021 COLD Scholarly Communications Committee is made up of members from Northridge (chair), Maritime (vice chair), East Bay, Fullerton, Long Beach, Pomona, Sacramento, Dominguez Hills, San Francisco, and Sonoma. See <https://calstate.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/COLD/pages/612171777/COLD+Scholarly+Communications+Committee> for the current roster.
* Annual workplan status reports during second quarter:
  + Project 1: Faculty Profiles/ORCID
    - The Chancellor’s Office is trying to move forward with an institutional membership for ORCID, which would save the campuses lots of money and was also recommended by the statewide academic senate. This will also allow our central systems to use the advanced features of ORCID. However, there have been several snags in the process. Procurement is still trying to work out language; there is a dispute in the terms with Lyrasis, and so we have to go directly to ORCID. The main obstacle involves an issue with binding arbitration and location (state), resulting in a delay in obtaining the ORCID membership.
    - Mark Bilby from Fullerton is writing a script for ORCID to run reports about how many ORCID users your campus has, and will provide the script for other campuses when completed. Gabriel Gardner from Long Beach mentioned that there is a colleague at Fullerton who has expertise in Python and thus could be a collaborator on this project.
  + Project 2: Update the Publishing Interest Group Charter
    - This project is now completed.
  + Project 3: Increase Capacity for CSU-wide Journal Publishing
    - This process will take time and resources. It is likely that we will have recommendations by May 2021 but no systemwide implementation yet. In the meantime, we have the Library publishing contacts to all but two campuses. See <https://journals.calstate.edu/guide/docs/contacts.html>
    - Meeting with Ubiquity Press to discuss faculty journals.
    - OJS guide updates upcoming.
  + Project 4: Prototype LibGuides Open Review Discussion Sessions (LORDS)
    - A presentation on LORDS, an open peer-review process for library guides prototyped by Jaime Ding, was given at the COLD meeting in December.
    - Among other things, LORDS tries to ensure that library guides are anti-racist.
    - Multi-campus LORDS sessions will be held on a quarterly basis. The latest one was held on March 11.
    - The LORDS group is still open to other campuses that are interested in participation. If of interest, reach out to Jaime Ding, Melissa Seelye, Dana Ospina, or Alyssa Loera.
    - The group is also developing a toolkit.
    - In addition, UNC has launched a project based on Jaime's work.
  + Project 5: Onboarding New Committee Members/Communicating what we do
    - Mark Stover and Michele Van Hoeck met and reviewed an existing document (the ScholComm charter) and created another document draft that would be an FAQ for new members of ScholComm. It would answer questions like:

What is ORCID?

What is OJS?

What is the annual ScholComm survey?

* + - Mark and Michele will continue to work on revising these two documents.
  + Project 6: Create a framework to support Open Access user and workforce education
    - Rita & Michele have been looking at CSU and external Libguides on Open Access. They will be picking, choosing, and editing content for a guide. Some content will be external-facing and will include things like author's rights. Other content will be internal to libraries like OA Week ideas.
    - Melissa will be drafting an outline for the Publishing Interest Group for their part in this. They want to get feedback from the group and will be in touch with Rita and Michele with that information in the next month or so.
    - The group also wants to promote ScholarWorks. See ScholarWorks development projects at: <https://calstate.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/SCHOL/pages/824442963/Development+projects>
* Other Issues
  + Elsevier update
    - As of March 11, 2021, 231 APC requests by CSU faculty have been approved for open access articles in Elsevier journals.
    - We are using the “Train the Trainer” system across the campuses for local administrators.
    - All the local Elsevier campus administrators should have access to the institutional journey system. If the author has selected the subscription model, they must go into the author journey and change the article to the open access model.
    - Most authors are choosing CC-BY-NC-ND, but Elsevier has now changed the display so that CC-BY is now the first option.
    - Elsevier has promised to change the default option so that OA is pre-selected. They anticipate that it will increase the number of OA authors.
    - We are still waiting for Elsevier to make a captioned video.
    - There is a need for someone centrally to handle Elsevier vis-à-vis the OA pilot. (This need would be even more pronounced if we sign future “Read and Publish” OA agreements with other publishers).
    - FAQs for Elsevier agreement can be found at <https://calstate.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/COLD/pages/1465581708/CSU+Pilot+Open+Access+Agreement+with+Elsevier>
  + Patrick Newell and Carmen Mitchell are working on a ScholComm curriculum for the future:
    - The curriculum is planned to be made up of scaffolded modules.
    - Carmen and Patrick are developing an IMLS grant proposal that would fund the curriculum.
    - They would like feedback on this project.
  + CASE Act
    - Copyright Alternative in Small-Claims Enforcement Act.
    - The authors of the first COVID relief bill snuck a copyright tribunal into the bill.
    - A lot of scholars believe this is unconstitutional – how can you have a copyright tribunal?
    - Libraries apparently have the option to opt out (actually, anyone can opt out – you just have to know that you have that right).
    - This bill will make it easier for publishers to go after individuals utilizing fair use.
    - The tribunals will be outside the realm of regular due process; they are supposed to be like small claims court, but it is likely that they will either make lots of unfair decisions or get overwhelmed...
    - We in libraries should be prepared for lots of questions about the CASE Act.
  + Copyright Site at the C.O.
    - The copyright website at the Chancellor’s Office continues