Minutes of COLD ScholComm meeting, December 9, 2021

Present: Miller, Ding, Seelye, Davis, Premo, Newell, Chaudhuri

Minutes: Newell

Meeting began at 2:03pm. Items were addressed out of order of the planned agenda due to scheduling needs of the participants.

Update from Carmen Mitchell on the upcoming Digital Repositories meeting. She needs a volunteer from ScholComm on the planning committee. Rita Premo has agreed to serve in this role this year. Thank you, Rita.

Update from Melissa Seelye, reporting back from SRDC. The ScholComm liaison to SRDC serves on both the SRDC steering committee and on one of the SRDC general committees; Melissa suggests that we negotiate the work involved with this role in the future as it’s a lot of work for one person (too much work). Melissa forwarded an update from the SRDC that provided an update on the Elsevier negotiations. The CSU Libraries expect that READ access to Elsevier journals will continue into 2022; Amy Kautzman had stated that she can make no guarantee if the APCs can be extended beyond 2021. Melissa will be meeting with Elsevier (with Emily Chan and the negotiation team) in January and expects to have more information to share after the meeting.

Matt reported for the Publishing Interest Group that the web site for public facing documentation should be live soon at <https://spaces.calstate.edu/publishing/>

The Publishing Interest Group is undertaking an environmental scan for digital scholarship centers in the CSU system and will report what they find.

Patrick reported on the work of the group requesting a copyright lawyer for the libraries (draft letter at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DZ3ULuXjxGLrwZkippJ1gJ9WFGOT-p6opffsBZnuFjo/edit?usp=sharing>) and passed on the following information from the recent COLD meeting. The use of copyrighted material needs to be understood as more than just a library issue. Our letter, once finalized, should be sent by COLD to the Office of General Counsel (OGC) in collaboration with other stakeholders, such as Educational Technology personnel. Provost Avila (liaison) will forward the finalized request letter to Provosts and enlist their help in advocating to this. Advice for revision: it reads more as if we are requesting ongoing training and education, versus a lawyer to prevent bad things happening. No hint that there is liability at stake. We are up against the limited risk tolerance of the CO has that we need to achieve some of our objectives. Provost Avila said this would be good to include in the request and counseled that to get the OGC and others at the CO to engage with this, the urgency will be driven by perception of liability. Karen Schneider expressed concern that this request be distributed among multiple stakeholders so it is not using up a COLD “ask” given its need for other support from the CO. Leslie Kennedy will reach out to the sponsored research group (Ganesh Raman), the DSS centers group, the Directors of Educational Technology groups, and the CIO group. Emily Miller will reach out to the OGC representative, whom she knows. Carlos Rodriguez will continue as the COLD contact with the CO on this matter.

The Committee discussed the LORDS Interest Group document shared by Mark Stover and other possible options to support this important work. The Committee agreed that the LORDS Interest Group should continue and report their work to COLD through the Scholarly Communications Committee (as does the Publishing Interest Group and others).

The Committee discussed the issue of coordinating scholarly communication efforts (e.g., Open Access week) across the 23 campus libraries. After discussing options, the Committee agreed that the chair will request information on these efforts from the 23 library deans regularly at the beginning of semesters; this information will be shared to allow easier sharing of information and collaboration among the campus libraries. This evolved into a discussion of creating a shared calendar of ScholComm events at CSU Libraries/Campuses. Jamie suggested that the public facing website could assist with promoting the shared calendar, and the Committee agreed with this suggestion.

When the ORCID Task Force update was discussed, nobody on the Committee was certain what was happening with ORCID as COLD has taken over the work of overseeing this project moving forward. COLD will be meeting with CO offices (such as the Vice Chancellor of Research) to build support for ORCID. Patrick will ask Alicia Virtue for an update on ORCID to present at an upcoming ScholComm committee meeting.