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The CSU Council of Library Deans
Letter of Appreciation for Colleague and Fine Librarian
Anna Gold

We, the Council of Library Deans of the California State University system (COLD), write as a body to share our unqualified respect for colleague Anna Gold, who served on COLD herself while the Library Dean at Cal Poly SLO. In the five years she served on COLD (2011-2016), we always found Anna to be a true and able leader. She was dynamic in her insightful contributions and was always fully engaged in our critically important duties as the largest university library system in the country.

Anna served as both vice-chair and chair of COLD, as well as chair of our standing committee Electronic Access to Information Resources (EAR). In all cases her input as chair came at critical periods for COLD as we faced the 2009-2012 recession, and in every instance she was a thoughtful leader and detail-oriented chair. On EAR especially she was instrumental in reimagining the acquisition and maintenance of electronic resources for the system after significant downsizing of centralized support in the Chancellors Office during unprecedented budget cuts.

Through all our dealings with Anna as a COLD colleague, and in her capacity as a Library Dean at a sister campus, we found her to have an inspired grasp of emerging issues facing academic libraries, an ability to translate that grasp into tangible initiatives for us, keeping us always focused on our collective mission of serving the success of students in a leadership style that combined both informed consultation and active listening. We therefore highlight these specific areas that demonstrate her effectiveness and obvious thoughtful leadership:

- Anna was always unfailingly collegial. She brought a positive, clear-eyed energy to all our COLD deliberations and was excellent at bringing us to consensus when she chaired sometimes contentious meetings;
- Anna unfailingly came from a position of knowledge on COLD, notably from what she had learned on her own campus, leading us in discussions related to CSU-wide communications strategies which she managed for three straight years single-handed, on joining California Digital Library's Western Regional Storage Trust (WEST) (herself on WEST's executive committee), on sharing her experience with BePress to expand discussions on the future of institutional repositories at the CSU and much else;
- As EAR chair, she founded four critically important sub-committees on Shared Content, Statistics/Analytics, E-Journals working group, and E-Books that stand to this day as key resources for deliberation and recommendations;
- Her long list of achievements at SLO were always an inspiration to all of us, and provided her with critical insights into how to manage a complex academic library in a faculty-staff-union environment that we were able to learn from and emulate;



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- Finally, she made us all so proud by winning for the Kennedy Library at SLO the 2014 Excellence in Academic Libraries Award from the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), proving that a CSU could attain to the highest accolades.

So as COLD, we voice our collective admiration and appreciation for a colleague who was every inch a leader, unflinchingly a good manager, a trusted voice, an able listener and a fully engaged participant in the important work our libraries do every day to help us be integral in educating the next generation of regional and national leaders.

To this letter of respect and appreciation we append our names as the CSU Council of Library Deans: <http://www.calstate.edu/library/content/colid/index.shtml>

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