Committee on the Library  
2012-2013 Annual Report

In fulfilling its charge as established in the by laws of the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate, the Committee on the Library (LIBR) carried out the following activities during the 2012-2013 academic year:

**ACTIVITIES:**

- *The Commission on the Future of the Library*
  
  Two members of LIBR were appointed to serve on the Commission: Professor Midgley as Co-Chair, and Chair Lovell as a member. Several members of the Commission were invited to a committee meeting. Because LIBR interests coincide with the Commission’s charge, along with the overlap of members to both bodies, the committee was able to exert some influence on the Commission’s focus and, ultimately, on its recommendations.

  LIBR members visited several Subject Specialty Libraries and spoke to faculty, librarians, and students. Chair Lovell prepared a memorandum on the Subject Specialty Libraries and asked that the Commission consider appending it to its final report. The Commission decided against including any supplementary [omitted text] reports. LIBR, however, agreed that the future of SSLs was sufficiently important to forward the memorandum to Divisional Council for full Senate consideration in the fall and to pursue their analysis of these resources.

  ASUC representative Natalie Gavello created a De-Cal course to involve students in the Commission’s work. Several proposals to address undergraduate concerns were formulated based on a survey the class conducted. The ASUC endorsed the recommendations, and forwarded them to the Commission to inform its work.

- Proposed a resolution to thank UC Librarians for the important work they do that contributes to faculty teaching and research. DIVCO endorsed the resolution.

- LAUC-B Chair-elect and LIBR member Lynn Jones presented the LAUC-B Powerpoint that was viewed recently by the Commission. Ms. Jones related the impact that the loss of professional staff has had on outreach to faculty and students and support for teaching and research needs, expertise in special and emerging formats, and instructional activities.

**COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS**

- The systemwide revision to the draft Open Access Policy.
  
  DIVCO agreed to the objections raised by the committee, and took that position in its comments to the Academic Council. In the subsequent version, the UC Committee on the Library and Scholarly Communication (UCOLASC) agreed to include an “opt-out” feature for faculty, and addressed the copyright concerns raised by Berkeley as well as other campuses.
COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION:
Professor Shannon was the UCOLASC representative.
Professor Lovell represented LIBR on CAPRA

GUESTS:
- Professor Molly Van Houweling (Law): Open Access Policy discussion
- Director for Library Preservation Barclay Ogden and Associate University Librarian for Education Initiatives and Director Doe/Moffitt Libraries Beth Dupuis: discussion about the condition of books in the main stacks, and availability of technological support in the libraries.
- Laine Farley, California Digital Library, UC Office of the President presented information about the CDL, its scope and purpose, relationship to campus libraries, and future evolution.