

**LAUC-B Executive Committee Minutes**  
**Thursday, November 13, 2008**  
**10:00 am - 12:00 noon**  
**303 Doe Library**

Present: Seyem Petrites, Lisa Ngo, David Eifler, Jennifer Nelson, Corliss Lee, Margaret Phillips, Armanda Barone, Paul Atwood  
Guests: Debbie Jan, Lucia Diamond

I. Announcements

- a. LAUC-B Assembly: PA, MP, & JN will show early to set up; LN, SP & DE will stay late to clean up. Beth Dupuis will provide the welcome statement in the absence of Tom Leonard. The speaker will be Jenna Burrell (iSchool), whose research interests include the sociology of technology, technology and socio-economic development, ethnography, transnationalism and diaspora studies.
- b. Townsend lunch: Dean Rowan and others Teresa provided an excellent information session. Pool is now LAUC-B members and other academic employees. (Grad students should apply via the usual application process for graduate students.) There will be a discussion at a later Executive Committee meeting on encouraging further research opportunities for librarians; visit <http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/LAUC/research/> for further information.
- c. LAUC-B blog: M. Phillips posted and will meet with Lisa Weber to go over moderation options. (See blog policy discussion below.)
- d. LAUC-B hired a student employee. laucweb@library email will be active soon.
- e. Budget – C. Lee will submit soon.
- f. New Members: Gathering information is not streamlined. Secretary will check in with LHRD quarterly. C. Lee will request info about new librarians from LAUC-B listserv. Information should be sent to Secretary (P. Atwood), who will forward as need for a) online roster (Webmaster), b) listserv (Secretary), c) list for assembly (Chair), d) mentor (L. Ngo), and e) Nominations & Elections Committee, as needed.
- g. Frank Lester's departure leaves the Professional Development Committee without an Affiliated representative; C. Lee will ask Shannon Supple, who is already a member of the committee, if she would become the Affiliated representative (note: Supple has said yes).

II. Reports

- a. Treasurer's Report (J. Nelson): \$62,839.47 = balance. New budget not yet submitted. J. Nelson will request the number of librarians who utilized professional development funding for the past two fiscal years.
- b. Meeting with the University of Librarian (C. Lee and M. Phillips): Met 11/12. Hiring freeze on 19900 funds across the board. Other universities facing the same issue. UCOP has note on website about retirement funding.

Chancellor is absorbing most of this year's cuts; concerns about next year. Not a freeze on faculty hiring, but a slowdown. Collections are protected for now. Admin is talking about travel budgets, and looking for ideas to cut spending (e.g., videoconferencing). SOPAG discussion about coordinating collections and technical services. Working on enhancing LBL access to databases. Losing high-level deans on campus. Updated UL about assemblies and Townsend brownbag.

- c. Committee on the Library, Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate (M. Phillips): Budget discussion. Berkeley Foundation was going to be at The Bancroft Opening. Fewer students next year (2,200 fewer – unclear whether that's undergrad v. grad, etc.). Library is perceived to have been protected over the years and also perceived to have a greater capacity for fundraising, which may no longer be the case. Weinstein went to Statewide Library Committee discussing open access issues. Nick Jewel gave a report on the draft UC Accountability report which is available online at <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/accountability/>
- d. LAUC Statewide Conference Call (rescheduled for 11/13 afternoon): Agenda includes discussion of Fall (UCSF) and Spring (UCR) Assemblies, and related budget concerns.

### III. New Business

- a. Mentor Task Force report (guests: Mentor Task Force members, Debbie Jan, chair & Lucia Diamond): Mission was to follow-up on one portion of the BILD initiative, specifically professional development for paraprofessionals that may be interested in becoming librarians. Utilized a survey to decide upon which activities to focus (see 8 activities listed on report). The Executive Committee thanked the committee for its hard work. Next step: When the Executive Committee formally accepts report, L. Diamond will submit to the BILD team. Report should be posted on the LAUC-B website, and will be part of the BILD team final report. For more information, visit <http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/LAUC/tfmentoring.html>
- b. LAUC-B blog policy (in progress): The LAUC-B blog is for discussion of professional issues, brief reports on conferences and meetings, etc. For now the blog will be moderated by the Vice-Chair/Chair elect; individuals should use the online form for posting. Open to any library staff member to post; anyone can comment. <http://blogs.lib.berkeley.edu/laucb.php>