EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLORS/PROVOSTS

Dear Colleagues:

The Bylaws of the Librarians Association of the University of California (LAUC) are amended, effective immediately. These Bylaws supersede the LAUC Bylaws dated March 23, 2009. The major changes, which include clarifying LAUC membership and communication matters, will enable LAUC to operate more effectively. The following is a brief summary of the major changes:

Article III, Section 1.a) Membership in LAUC. The academic titles eligible for membership in LAUC are revised by additional language to indicate that “titles” means title codes and associated payroll titles. “University Librarian” is omitted here because it has a unique status different from the other title codes and is included separately in Article III, Section 1.b). “Deputy University Librarian” is deleted; it is a working title with no academic title or payroll code that in many instances is held by a staff appointee instead of an academic appointee.

Article III, Section 4, affiliate membership. New language gives discretion to the divisions to expand their affiliate membership, thereby enabling increased participation in LAUC functions by non-members to incorporate additional expertise for LAUC’s advisory function.

Article IV, Officers, Section 6, the appointment of a Vice President pro tem or a Secretary pro tem. Confirmation of an appointment to these offices is changed from a minimum of two-thirds to a simple majority of the Executive Board.

Article IV, Officers, Section 11.b-d, procedural requirements for removal of an officer. The complainant and the accused officer are given the opportunity to present their cases in a hearing held by the Executive Board. New language clarifies that a quorum for the hearing shall consist of two-thirds of the voting members of the Executive Board in the event of a petition for removal. Text is added to include a requirement to report the results of a hearing within a fixed deadline.
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Article V, Executive Board, Sections 1 and 4. Revisions update LAUC representation within the current organizational structure of the UC Libraries Advisory Structure (UCLAS) and are equivalent to past LAUC representation. Actions taken by the Executive Board shall be reported to the membership by the President as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days following the action.

Article VII, Assembly, Sections 3 and 6. New language requires dissemination of Assembly Agendas at least two weeks in advance of an Assembly meeting. Circulation of ballots by mail is updated to allow for electronic forms of voting.

Article VIII, Committees, Sections 1 and 2. New language clarifies the procedure for succession in the event of a vacancy on a Standing Committee. Revised language brings the Bylaws into consistency with current practice when soliciting, reviewing, and funding proposals submitted by LAUC members to the Universitywide Research Grants for Librarians Program. Discretion is left to the President to solicit divisions for ad hoc committees.

Article XIII, LAUC Archives. LAUC archives are maintained at the University Archives in the Bancroft Library, Berkeley campus. New language clarifies that decisions regarding preservation and storage are the responsibility of that unit. New language specifies the LAUC materials that should be archived annually.

The amended LAUC Bylaws may be found online at https://lauc.ucop.edu/.

Cordially,

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