

**Minutes of the LAUC-SB Executive Board Meeting with the University Librarian
November 6, 2003**

Present: Cathy Chiu, Eric Forte, Meryle Gaston, Jane Faulkner, Mary Larsgaard, Janet Martorana, Catherine Nelson, Sarah M. Pritchard. Sal Guerena (recorder).

Systemwide LAUC initiatives and ongoing projects. Cathy brought up the topic of information literacy as one system wide initiative. The University Committee on Libraries (UCOL) passed a resolution on June 9, 2003. UCOL agreed with the LAUC statement and expanded it to include ethical considerations. Sarah indicated that there is a need for the University Libraries to work on educational issues with faculty dealing with issues like copyright. Sarah is working with the Academic Senate Library Committee on revising the general education requirement. There was discussion about hosting a forum to address ethical issues, copyright, plagiarism, and biased web sites. There is a lot of awareness concerning music file sharing, issues that students are aware about. Sarah indicated that the library could line up some co-sponsors and have the library take the lead.

LAUC Awards. Cathy reported that a LAUC Committee had been established to look into travel awards, lifetime awards, and a "LAUC" member of the year award. She reported that the SB LAUC Executive Board is supporting the idea of the travel awards and the lifetime achievement award. Sarah Pritchard suggested a "distinguished service award" rather than a lifetime achievement award so those who do an extraordinary job but not have been in the UC system very long can have the opportunity. Monetary awards can be explored with the possibility that a publisher could be found to donate funds for this.

Bylaws Revision. UC LAUC Committee on Rules and Jurisdictions is trying to bring divisional bylaws into compliance with system-wide bylaws. This year, Position Paper No.1 is a focus and system wide LAUC wants to bring it to closure.

CAP. Catherine Nelson reported. The Nyholm Award nominations were submitted. Twenty names of people were nominated for review committees. The next call will be going November 7.

CPD. Jane Faulkner reported. The committee needs to clarify the forms and clarify the funding guidelines. Sarah indicated that she is not concerned how the funds are used as long as there is compliance with UC rules. A proposal will be drafted for consideration by Sarah and the Administrative Group, which will then go back to the LAUC-SB Executive Board. There is a daily spending limit by campus. The issue that is not clear is whether it is allowable to spend from your tiers and not just from your base allocation. Sarah stated that once she receives the document, if it makes sense, she is open to looking into this, even if it is just a draft document. A lot of problems exist with the new travel request forms. Jane Faulkner said that she will have a document ready for examination in January.

CAAR. Janet reported that a short list was submitted to Detrice Bankhead on the Information Services Librarian search. There is confidence that we'll be able to bring this search to closure.

LAUC's role. Cathy stated that ever since the bifurcation with the union, LAUC as an organization has been looking at how to perform better its advisory role. Sarah stated that she would like to see LAUC to be a force broadly defined to address professional concerns and not just matters involving reviews and promotion, such as issues involving the Patriot Act, and information literacy. LAUC has an important role regardless of who is in the union. For example, whom do we have to mobilize around important professional issues that cut across campus? One program could be held around shared collections, especially as new people are coming into the field. We should consider professional issues and policies as defined broadly, being that most people outside our field don't know enough about what we do.

There was some discussion about the APM and the MOU relevant to Position Paper No. 1. Sarah stated that in this respect, LAUC no longer has some areas of authority as it used to. The MOU is within the purview of the union and such language cannot appear in the LAUC position paper. This could be a topic for the Fall Assembly.

LAUC-SB Issues. Cathy asked Sarah about how could LAUC better assist her. Sarah stated that with respect to professional development, LAUC could explore ways to leverage individual knowledge to group knowledge. When librarians get sent to special conferences, programs and meetings, LAUC can host brown bag sessions for them to share what they have learned so that they may be able to inform a broader audience. How can we get newer librarians more involved, such as in publishing, leadership in professional associations, and mentoring. How do we encourage more library assistants to consider librarianship? The sense of being a profession is one of the nice things about librarianship.

Another topic discussed was the matter of decorations in public places. That was defined as a workplace issue. Sarah says she has drafted some informal guidelines for use by department heads. Decorations should be more generic and consider just what the institution appears to be promoting without unduly restricting individual expressions.

Sarah indicated she would appreciate receiving continual feedback about what people are concerned about.