

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE SENATE
LIBRARY POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

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At its March 2007 meeting, the Academic Senate resolved: “to respond to the growing crisis in scholarly publishing and communication, we ask David Pershing and Lorris Betz to ensure that over the coming year university-wide conversations occur to develop courses of action for the Senate, faculty, libraries, and administration.” The Library Policy Advisory Committee (LPAC) took this resolution as its charge for the 2007/08 year and adopted as its primary focus the issue of scholarly communication; this charge continued during the 2008/2009 academic year.

LPAC met in October, December, March and April, during which it discussed scholarly communication initiatives on this campus and nationally. As was planned during the previous year, a Scholarly Communications and Copyright Librarian, Allyson Mower, was hired to develop and lead library efforts to promote new forms of scholarship and to inform and advise the scholarly community about intellectual property issues relating to scholarship. Every meeting received a report from Allyson Mower on the activities of the Scholarly Communications Committee, and issues related to the development of a scholarly communications policy were discussed in light of the activities of this committee as well as relative to initiatives at other universities in the United States and internationally.

Among other issues considered by LPAC were:

- A Senate Resolution paying tribute to our former chair, Jay LePreau, who led the LPAC for several years before passing away during the summer of 2008
- Recommendations of the Green Task Force; evaluation of the Committee for the Senate’s Personnel and Elections Committee
- Completion of the renovations of Marriott Library and plans for its reopening during Fall, 2009
- Remodeling of Eccles Library to remove asbestos from the ceiling;
- Welcoming Jean Shipman as the new Director of Eccles Library
- Impact of budget cuts on the operations of the libraries
- The new integrated library system
- The development of the UScholar site
- The development of an open access resolution and policy for the University of Utah

For the coming 2009/2010 academic year, LPAC urges the Academic Senate to support the following:

- Continuation of university-wide conversations about scholarly communication issues as articulated in its March 2007 resolution;
- Celebration of the Marriott Library rededication and participation in planning and activities surrounding this event;
- Renewed efforts to protect library funding;
- Collaboration between the Academic Senate and LPAC in the development and Senate approval of policies encouraging faculty use of open access publications as well as retention of copyright enabling deposit of faculty scholarly in the University Institutional Repository (UScholar).