

## VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES (continued)

### Academic Council (continued)

- **John B. Oakley, Chair**

3. Proposed Amendment to [Senate Bylaw 185. Library](#) (action)

(This item was noticed in the February 14, 2007, *NOTICE of Meeting* but because of lack of time, it was postponed to the May 9, 2007, meeting of the Assembly.)

In accordance with [Senate Bylaw 116. Authority of the Assembly – Part II. E.](#), “The Assembly is authorized to approve modifications to the University Academic Senate legislation. ...Except for Bylaws marked “[Protected – see Bylaw 116.E]”, modification of Bylaws requires the approval of two-thirds of all voting member of the Assembly present; modification of Regulations requires the approval of a majority of all voting members of the Assembly present. ...Modifications of legislation shall take effect immediately following approval unless a different date is specified or required.”

The following proposed amendment to [Senate Bylaw 185](#) was approved by the Academic Council at its November 29, 2006, meeting and was found to be consonant with the Code of the Academic Senate by the University Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction (UCR&J).

**PROPOSED ACTION:**     **Approval of the proposed amendment to Senate Bylaw 185. Library.**

### **Background and Justification**

#### **Statement of Purpose**

It has become increasingly clear to UC faculty that the traditional models of scholarly communication have become unsustainable. From ever-increasing journal subscription costs, to new modes and venues of scholarly production, to heightened competition for both profit and non-profit publishers (such as university presses and scholarly societies), libraries have struggled to guarantee faculty members access to scholarly information. Reflecting this state of affairs, the Academic Senate established the Special Committee on Scholarly Communication (SCSC) to address these issues. Subsequently, the SCSC has submitted [five white papers](#) that not only expound on these issues, but also propose solutions to them.

These white papers also illustrate the need for long-term faculty oversight over scholarly communication, which should be facilitated through a systemwide standing committee of the Academic Senate. The University Committee on Library (UCOL) is the appropriate location for such faculty oversight, as scholarly communication is very germane to the business of UCOL. As the introduction to the SCSC’s white papers aptly notes, UC librarians have been involved in the management of scholarly communication from the beginning. UCOL has subsequently not only become familiar with these issues, but, more importantly, has gained a significant body of expertise in this area. In addition, scholarly communications cannot and should not be divorced from faculty oversight and governance of the UC library system.

In order to facilitate the execution of its new mandate, UCOL is also requesting the addition of three at-large members. While UCOL's divisional representation maintains a significant amount of expertise in scholarly communication, it will be necessary to augment this expertise with up to three at-large members who should have other expertise and experience not found among UCOL's divisional representation. Scholarly communication is a large area, and some issues require technical and disciplinary expertise that divisional members may lack. It is also expected that the necessary skill sets of these at-large members will vary over time, depending upon the configuration of the divisional membership. UCOL notes the precedent of at-large membership of other Academic Senate committees, such as the University Committee on Faculty Welfare.

### **Statement of Intended Effect**

The proposed amendment to Bylaw 185, which governs UCOL, would expand its charge to include oversight of scholarly communication. In its current form, Bylaw 185 limits UCOL to advising "the President concerning the administration of the libraries of the University in accordance with the Standing Order of the Regents." The proposed amendment would allow UCOL to serve in an advisory capacity regarding matters of scholarly communication, and would formally change its name from the "University Committee on Library" to the "University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication" to reflect this expanded mandate.

### **CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

#### **185. Library**

- A. Membership shall be determined in accordance with [Bylaw 128](#). One undergraduate student and one graduate student shall sit with the Committee. [See [Bylaw 128.E](#).] The Vice Chair shall be chosen in accordance with [Bylaw 128.D.2. and 3](#). A University librarian and the Chair of the Committee on Information Technology and Telecommunications Policy shall serve ex officio. (Am 7 May 87; Am 28 May 2003)
- B. Duties. Consistent with [Bylaw 40](#), the Committee shall: (Am 28 May 2003)
  - 1. Advise the President concerning the administration of the libraries of the University in accordance with the Standing Orders of The Regents.
  - 2. Perform such other appropriate duties as may be committed to the Academic Senate by proper authority.

### **PROPOSED LANGUAGE**

#### **185. Library and Scholarly Communication**

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**for one-year renewable terms, and in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, to supplement the expertise of divisional members in areas of special relevance to the current business of the committee.**

- B. Duties. Consistent with [Bylaw 40](#), the Committee shall: (Am 28 May 2003)
1. Advise the President concerning the administration of the libraries of the University **and issues related to innovations in forms of scholarly communication**, in accordance with the Standing Orders of The Regents.
  2. Perform such other appropriate duties as may be committed to the Academic Senate by proper authority.

**ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of the proposed amendments to Senate Bylaw 185 – Library**