

2009-2010 ANNUAL REPORT

In the 2009-2010, like in the previous year, the activity of LAUC-R was largely determined by the budget crisis and the concern about the future of the libraries and librarians at UC. As two major efforts to design the University's future were undertaken, the system-wide Gould Commission on the Future, and the local UCR 2020 Strategic Action Plan, we concentrated on the local level. In November 2009 we wrote a letter to the Academic Senate and Chancellor White asking for their support for the libraries, and a resolution requesting that librarians participated in the works of the SAP committees. As a result, two LAUC-R members, Ann Frenkel and Lizbeth Langston were added to the SAP commissions on Undergraduate Education and Academic Excellence; they served alongside the University Librarian Dr. Jackson. Subsequently in June and July 2010 we critically commented on the 2nd draft of the SAP final document. As a result of these actions the overall visibility of the Libraries on the campus, as well as the awareness of them by the Administration, significantly increased even if the wording regarding libraries in the final document of the Strategic Action Plan is somewhat disappointing.

We were also active in LAUC system-wide. Heidi Hutchinson worked very hard in the Committee of Professional Governance preparing materials for discussion on the Future of UC Libraries and Librarians in the 21st Century at the meeting of Southern campuses in May 2010, and then writing the Final Report from that Discussion. We created and submitted a Campus Report on the state of the UCR Libraries, posted on the LAUC wiki page.

The Inland Empire Librarians Educated to Advance Diversity and Service (IE LEADS) project, spearheaded by Patricia Smith-Hunt, won a \$974,259 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program. This grant provides funding towards library degrees for 13 employees of Inland Empire libraries, including 6 persons from UCR.

Also the mentoring program, chaired by Patricia Smith-Hunt was last year a resounding success, and now entered its second year. It is being granted a permanent status within LAUC.

Again we operated without established budget. Unexpectedly we were able to add \$500 to the program fund; this money have not been used yet.

In the middle of the last year the executive board secretary, Jess Nevins moved back to Texas. I would like to acknowledge and thank other board members, who readily filled in the gap, especially Heidi Hutchinson, John Bloomberg-Rissman and Ken Furuta. I would also like to thank Margaret Hogarth who assumed the task of taking minutes at our last meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
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