University of California San Francisco
Library and Center for Knowledge Management
Scholarly Communication Task Force Charge

Background:
One of the five strategic directions put forth by the University of California University Librarians in their April 2004 document is to influence the development of new forms of scholarly communication. In 2004 UC created the Office of Scholarly Communication to facilitate partnerships between the libraries, faculty and administration of the UC campuses and to help us collectively address the crisis in scholarly communication. In July 2004, the systemwide Scholarly Communication Officers Group was charged to support the UC libraries scholarly communication program and priorities.

Charge:
Develop a program to educate and inform the UCSF campus community regarding scholarly communication issues. The members of the task force are responsible for developing the program plan, defining priorities, tasks, and timelines, and monitoring progress on ongoing tasks and efforts. The task force should consider ways of promoting existing initiatives including eScholarship, PLoS, and BioMed Central. The task force will play a significant role in the implementation of the program, but the members are not expected to handle all aspects of implementation of the program. The program will require participation from other members of the staff.

The goals of the scholarly communication program are:
• To raise awareness of issues among library staff and the UCSF campus community
• To inform library staff and the campus community of developments in the area and generate interest and discussion around these developments
• To educate and support the UCSF campus community in alternate scholarly communication modes

The task force will report to the senior management team and will develop a preliminary plan by February 1, 2005.

Members:
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