Scholarly Communications Committee

The Library currently has multiple efforts devoted to supporting faculty, researchers, and graduate students in the preservation and dissemination of their research and scholarship as well as the use of materials in their teaching and writing. These efforts are not always well coordinated, nor is information about them communicated consistently across the Library. At the Institute for Scholarly Communications, it was clear to the participants that if the Library is going to make an effective impact in providing education and services around scholarly communications and copyright issues, we need to have a group explicitly responsible for planning, implementing, and coordinating these efforts. This is a proposal for a Scholarly Communications Committee that will serve as a first step in the provision of coordinated and consistent education and services around the broad area of Scholarly Communications.

Charge:

The Scholarly Communications Committee plans and helps to implement services, including education programs, focused on issues related to:

- Access to and dissemination of research and scholarship (both in published and unpublished forms) produced on the UIUC campus;
- Promoting an understanding of author rights;
- Exploration of a range of traditional and alternative publishing models;
- Increasing dialog with departments/units on campus around a broad range of scholarly communications issues;
- Copyright issues in the use of materials in research and teaching under guidance of the copyright attorney to be hired by the three campuses.

Goals for 2008-2010:

The primary goals for 2008-2010 for the committee are:

- Assessment of the scholarly communication cultures and practices of a diversity of academic fields, as represented at UIUC;
- Assessment of copyright issues in use of materials in research and teaching; and
- Development of literature and informational sessions for faculty on author rights, alternative publishing options including open access, and IDEALS in close collaboration with the User Education Committee.
- Development of an informational program and talking points in both scholarly communication and copyright issues for Library faculty and staff in close collaboration with the Staff Training and Development Committee.

Composition:

The Committee is appointed by the University Librarian with the advice of the Executive Committee. The Scholarly Communications Officer, the Coordinator for IDEALS, and the faculty liaison for IDEALS are permanent members of the committee. The Central Reference Services liaison with the Graduate College serves on the committee ex officio. In addition, three members-at-large from the Library with an interest in copyright and/or scholarly communication issues in their discipline will be appointed for two year terms. The chair will be chosen by the committee and will serve a two year term.

Membership
Katie Newman, chair
Stephanie Davidson
Merinda Hensley
Cindy Ingold
Mary Laskowski
Mary Schlembach
Sarah Shreeves