

Committee on Library & Scholarly Communications (LSC)
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday May 20, 2026

Present: J. Genereux (Chair)
A. Denny-Brown
V. Saragadam
M. Carreras
A. Bekker
B. Lattu
M. Hosoi, University Librarian

Absent: M. Carreras
A. Parra Rios
E. Casilas

Discussion & Action:

Chair Genereux called the meeting to order with the motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on Wednesday March 18, 2026. The minutes were approved as presented.

UCOLASC Updates:

Chair Genereux discussed key items outlined during the May 15th UCOLASC meeting. The discussion included updates surrounding ongoing decisions on AI, the negotiation of digitalization and the importance of confidentiality, Diamond Open Access, HELIOS open member access, UC authors, and CA Digital Library Data Management tools.

Library Updates:

University Librarian Hosoi provided library updates regarding personnel, new services, exhibits, collections, and facilities.

New Services & Staffing:

- Progress is actively being made to increase the library staff to better support the university community.
- The library has launched a New Free Micro-Credential Program, offering a great opportunity to graduate students and early career scholars.

Exhibit:

- [*Neon in the Gutters: Cyberpunk Visions of the Future*](#) (Rivera 4F, Special Collections, May 18-29; M-F 10 a.m. - 4 p.m)
- [*Amordidas Acompañadas: Sensorial Regeneration Beyond the Wake of Deportation*](#) (Rivera 1F, May 8 through June 7) - first exhibit in the Library that is part of a PhD Dissertation Defense

Collections:

- American Chemical Society (ACS) journals
- Ongoing negotiation due to ACS AI and Text and Data Mining restrictions
- New deadline for continued content access 5/31

- UC chemists are supporting UC Libraries via a letter campaign. UCR is one of the leading campuses, together with UCLA and UCSD.

Rivera Library Upgrades

- 2nd Floor (Conservation Lab): The new Conservation Lab is nearly completed, which will be huge for preserving important texts and historical materials.
- 1st Floor (Student Spaces): Proposals are in the works to develop new coffee stations and a Multi-Purpose Room (MPR), making the main floor a lot more versatile and welcoming for long study sessions.

Orbach Library Upgrades

- Omni charge portable charging units
- Six new rolling whiteboards