

Committee on Library & Scholarly Communications (LSC)
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday June 17, 2026

Present: J. Genereux (Chair)
V. Saragadam
M. Carreras
B. Lattu
M. Hosoi, University Librarian

Absent: A. Bekker
A. Denny-Brown
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 May 20, 2026. The minutes were approved as presented.

Higher Education Leadership Initiative for Open Scholarship (HELIOS) Open Access

Discussion:

The committee openly discussed the description of the organization. The discussion included topics such as the protocol of changes and who has the authority to approve the changes, what would the added benefits be for administration and students, what entity would endorse the access, and what tasks would need to be completed to move the access along if not already in progress. Chair Genereux suggested reaching out to other UCs to inquire about their experience with HELIOS and disseminate the information within the committee to discuss further.

Library Updates:

University Librarian Hosoi provided library updates regarding personnel, audits, new equipment, events, collections, and facilities.

Personnel:

- Head of Facilities: Chad Chambers (currently UCR campus Facilities) to start on 6/22/2026
- Library Safety Officer: currently interviewing
- Financial & Administrative Assistant: currently interviewing
- NAGPRA Repatriation Coordinator: currently interviewing
- Associate University Librarian (AUL) for User Experience & Services: scheduling Zoom interviews soon
- Geospatial Information Librarian: Zoom interviews in July

Audits:

Events:

- [Robotics Camp](#) for UCR undergraduate and graduate students (free, all majors) - 6/16-7/21 (tentative) at Orbach Library 122
- [The 4th Annual Inland Empire Archives Fair](#), 10/21/2027 (Wed) outside Rivera Library. This is the first year the call went out to students beyond UCR, including

CSUSB, RCC, CBU, and other IE university campuses. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Collections:

- Taylor & Francis evidence-based acquisitions program (3 years) provides access to more than 30k eBooks
- American Chemical Society (ACS) journals
 - Ongoing negotiation due to ACS AI and Text and Data Mining restrictions
- New deadline for continued content access 6/30
- UC chemists are supporting UC Libraries via a letter campaign.

Rivera Library Upgrades

- 2nd Floor (Conservation Lab): Nearly completed

Orbach Library Upgrades

- Rooms 212 & 312: construction is scheduled to begin on 6/15 to convert them into reservable group study rooms which will increase the total to 31 study groups available (43 in Rivera).