EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

April 25, 2022

To: Manu Sridharan
   Chair, Committee on Library & Information Technology

From: Jason Stajich
      Chair, Riverside Division

RE: Proposed Changes to Charge and Name of the Committee on Library & Information Technology to Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (Bylaw 8.16-8.16.3.4)

Dear Manu,

Executive Council discussed the subject proposal during their April 25, 2022 meeting. Attached is the consultative feedback I hope proves helpful to you for a potential revision.

Sincerely,

/s/Jason
To Be Adopted

Proposed Changes to Charge and Name of the Committee on Library & Information Technology to Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication.  
(8.9 -> 8.16)

PRESENT:

8.9 Library and Information Technology

8.9.1 Purpose: The Committee on Library and Information Technology advises the Division, Chancellor and President in accordance with the Standing Orders of the Regents on all matters relating to academic computing and information technology; administration of the library; and matters concerning scholarly communications.  

8.9.2. Membership: This committee consists of at least nine members, including a Chair and Vice Chair appointed by the Committees on Committees. The Associate Vice Chancellor for Computing and Communications (or his/her representative) and the University Librarian of the Riverside Campus will serve as ex officio non-voting members. Neither ex officio member may serve as Chair or Vice Chair. The Vice Chair of the committee normally serves on the University Committee on Computing and Communications. The Chair will normally serve on the University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications.  
(AM 19 Nov 81)(AM 2 Feb 98) (AM 9 Jan 73) (Am 14 Oct 13)(AM 23 Feb 16)

8.9.3 Duties: It is the duty of this Committee to:  
(AM 14 Oct 13)(Am 23 Feb 16)

PROPOSED:

8.16 Library and Scholarly Communication

8.16.1 Purpose: The Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication advises the Division, Chancellor and President in accordance with the Standing Orders of the Regents on all matters relating to administration of the library; and matters concerning scholarly communications.

8.16.2. Membership: This committee consists of at least six members, including a Chair appointed by the Committees on Committees. The Chair will normally serve on the University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications. The University Librarian will serve as ex officio non-voting members.

8.16.3 Duties: It is the duty of this Committee to
8.9.3.1 Review use of and recommend ways to improve the functioning of the campus Computing and Communications, and University Library units to meet Faculty and student needs; (Am 5 Feb 98) (Am 14 Oct 13) (Am 23 Feb 16)

8.9.3.2 Recommend ways to improve education in the use of computers, information, and campus instructional technology; (Am 5 Feb 98) (Am 14 Oct 13) (Am 23 Feb 16)

8.9.3.3 Assess the state of campus instructional technology support and participate in long range planning to meet future needs; the committee may also initiate studies and generate recommendations to the division and the administration on the better use of campus library and technology resources; (Am 14 Oct 13) (Am 23 Feb 16)

8.9.3.4 Subject to fund availability, this committee will solicit and rank requests for grants for supporting and expanding the use of computing and information technology in research and instruction; (En 9 Feb 89) (Am 3 Feb 00) (Am 21 Feb 2012) (Am 14 Oct 13) (Am 23 Feb 16)

8.9.3.5 Participate with the librarian in matters relating to the library budget, the formulation of library policies, the allocation of space, and the apportionment of funds; and serve as a liaison between the faculty and library administration. (Am 14 Oct 13) (Am 23 Feb 16)

8.16.3.1 Advise the President and the Chancellor regarding the administration of the library and matters concerning scholarly communication at Riverside in accordance with the Standing Orders of the Regents and perform such other duties relative to the library as may be referred by proper authority; (Am 30 May 06)

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8.16.3.2 Participate with the librarian in matters relating to the library budget, the formulation of library policies, the allocation of space, and the apportionment of funds; and serve as a liaison between the faculty and library administration.
8.9.3.6 Prepare and submit to the Division an annual report on the library’s effectiveness in meeting the campus needs, its financial situation, allocations of space, facilities for research, and any other matters within its jurisdiction. (Am 14 Oct 13)(Am 23 Feb 16)

8.9.3.7 Participate in an advisory capacity in the appointment of the librarian. (Am 14 Oct 13)(Am 23 Feb 16)

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Statement of Purpose and Effect:

On Nov. 26, 2013 the Academic Computing and Information Technology Committee joined the Library and Scholarly Communication Committee to form the now standing Library and Information Technology Committee (LIT). We are writing to strongly recommend the separation of these two committees. Both Information Technology and Library and Scholarly Communication are of vital importance to the campus community. Both have unique concerns and agendas.

The LIT Committee was formed with the opposition of both individual committees that came to constitute it. The reasoning for joining the committees rested on flimsy excuses of budget and “effective” use of resources. But as online and remote education become a rising concern and reality on the UCR campus, it is important to give proper weight to the infrastructural institutions that support these online initiatives.

The workload of the LIT has increased with the rise of online and remote education. From an IT standpoint, the committee has regular conversations about IT infrastructure, data preservation, the Genesis migration project (to manage and protect data from the University), and campus power issues. The committee now also receives updates from XCITE at every meeting, covering support for online learning and the Canvas transition. Meanwhile, the Library also has struggled with staffing, ILL issues, and Hathi Trust. This excess of issues has displaced badly needed attention to the “scholarly communication” element from our committee. The LIT Committee mostly only has time to listen to Library, XCITE, and ITS concerns; it rarely has the opportunity to offer faculty consultation or collaboration. In turn, it has become an ineffective committee.

As the university pushes further into online education and service, the survival and promotion of UCR research, initiatives, and outreach depends on effective scholarly communication. IT and the Library are the core of UCR. The importance of these institutions as well as the services
they provide merit that they each have their own committees, with faculty participation and input in both.

If approved, the new committee formation would happen in the new service year to avoid loss of the current membership.

Approved by the Committee on Library & Information Technology: 1/14/2022

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(if applicable) Approved by the Committee on___________(leave blank)

The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction finds the wording to be consistent with the code of the Academic Senate: (leave blank)

Received by Executive Council: (leave blank)
COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JURISDICTION

April 18, 2022

To: Jason Stajich
   Chair, Riverside Division

From: Katie Ford, Chair
       Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction

Re: Proposed Changes to Charge and Name of the Committee on Library & Information Technology to Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (Bylaw 8.16-8.16.3.4)

The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction reviewed the Proposed Changes to Charge and Name of the Committee on Library & Information Technology to Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (Bylaw 8.16-8.16.3.4) and offers the following:

8.16.1 Final semi-colon is not needed

8.16.2 First sentence - need to add a comma after Chair, as otherwise it looks like the Committee on Committees only appoints the Chair and not the other members.
8.16.2 Fix typo on name of Committee on Committees.
8.16.2 Correct last sentence: should read The University Librarian will serve as an ex officio non-voting member.

8.16.3.1 Remove final semi-colon and insert period instead.

8.16.3.2 (and also 8.16.3.4) Use official title and caps for University Librarian, for consistency with initial reference in 8.16.2.

The Committee also has the following questions: Since there are multiple libraries on campus, should all references to library be plural? Furthermore, please confirm that numbering for this new committee is 8.16 (and that numbering for Information Technology Committee will remain 8.9).