COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION  
(May 24, 2022)

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)

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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)

8.16 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.

8.16.1 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.

8.16.2 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)

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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)

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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)

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.
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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