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Dear Members of the University of California Libraries Community,

On behalf of the University of California Libraries Direction And Oversight Committee (DOC), we are writing to share the progress our group has made in transitioning the UC Libraries Advisory Structure (UCLAS) from its original version to its current iteration as well as to introduce to you changes to the UCLAS structure.

Perhaps the more important message we can convey is that the members of both the Council of University Librarians (CoUL) and DOC recognize and appreciate the remarkable achievements of all those who contributed to systemwide efforts under the original UCLAS structure. There is no way the UC Libraries could have moved from SOPAG (an advisory structure that racked up its own admirable list of successes) to this newest version of UCLAS had not so much good work and good will transpired over the last few years.

The changes DOC has made to the advisory structure are intended to provide an inclusive, lightweight management structure that increases the UC Libraries' ability to work quickly, achieve meaningful results, and be responsive to change. It is likely that the new advisory structure will be tweaked once it has undergone its initial iteration, with feedback from the UC Libraries community being essential for determining where change to the structure is needed.

In September DOC asked the three SAGs to no longer initiate new business or projects with the goal of transitioning on-going operations and project to the new advisory structure by November 1, 2015. It is not DOC's intention to end on-going projects or operations.

The attached document depicting the new UCLAS organizational structure provides the most accessible, if high level, view of the structure. A copy of the UCLAS organizational structure document may also be found on the [UCLAS Wiki](#).

Sincerely,



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Chair of DOC



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Outline of the new UC Libraries Advisory Structure

Council of University Librarians (CoUL)

Comprised of the 10 UC University Librarians, the Executive Director of the California Digital Library, and (*ex officio*) the newly created position of CoUL Planning Lead, CoUL provides collaborative leadership and strategic planning for the UC Libraries.

Direction And Oversight Committee (DOC)

Comprised of a representative from every UC campus and CDL plus (*ex officio*) the Past CoUL Chair. DOC is charged to carry out the vision, strategies, priorities, and policies established by CoUL.

See: [DOC Charge](#)

Shared Collections Leadership Group (SCLG)

The role of the SCLG is to make decisions for the University of California in the areas of UC-wide collection development and management.

See: [SCLG Charter](#)

Common Knowledge Groups (CKGs) and Bibliographers Groups

CKGs are self organizing and will function under a very lightweight oversight and reporting structure. Current bibliographer groups wishing to continue can do so by forming as new CKGs with a broad focus on acquisitions, selection, and services; these CKGs may take leadership roles in shaping the UC Libraries collective content and developing approaches that optimize efforts of subject specialists while encouraging the use of UC licensed resources.

See: [CKG Guidelines](#)

Shared Services Teams (SST)

An SST delivers a continuing core shared service for the UC Libraries. Depending on how it originated, an SST may report to DOC, CDL, SCLG, or CoUL.

See: [SST Description](#)

Project Teams

Project teams are formed to work on a specific project with a defined budget, outcome, start date, and end date. A project can be proposed by DOC, CoUL, SCLG, a CKG, or an SST. Projects must be proposed by completing the project charter template.

See: [Project Charter Template](#)

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