

Proposed Plan to Transform COLD EAR Committee

Goal: Collaborative and inclusive process that will create an updated governance structure and communication framework that ensures strategies and decisions regarding ECC and Opt-in Licensing programs are proactive and meet the current and future needs of all CSU Libraries.

Background: In June of 2019 the California State University System (CSU) Council of Library Deans (COLD) established the COLD E-Resource Purchasing Exploratory Task Force (CERPE) to investigate the current practice of purchasing CSU e-resources through the Systemwide Digital Library Content Program (SDLC), and to determine if using alternative purchasing channels might provide better options. The SDLC has two major components: The Electronic Core Collection (ECC), where the licensed content is funded by the Chancellor's Office (CO), and the Opt-in Subscription Program, where individual subscribing libraries pay for the licensed content. CERPE engaged the consulting firm, CDygart Solutions, to assist them in this undertaking. One of the findings and recommendations of the consultant was to reinvent EAR to better support and collaborate with SDLC.

Leaders: COLD Vice-Chair (Carlos Rodriguez) and COLD Past-Chair (Jen Fabbi)

Participants:

- CSU Systemwide Digital Library Content (SDLC) Team
- Council of Library Deans (COLD)
- 2019-20 Electronic Access to Resources (EAR) Committee Members
- CSU e-Resource Librarians
- CSU Collection Development Librarians
- Others?

Working Group: Jen, Carlos, Cesar, Librarians, others?

Timeline:

- Carlos & Jen will meet with EAR Chair/Vice-Chair to discuss strategies for EAR Input: **November - December, 2019**
- Carlos & Jen will meet with SDLC Team to discuss strategies for SDLC Input: **November - December, 2019**
- Survey EAR, e-Resource Librarians and Collection Development Librarians about their current experience: **November - December, 2019**
- Review & approve EAR Transformation Plan: **December 5-6, 2019 COLD Meeting**
- Engage with all stakeholders to identify current challenges and opportunities to increase the effectiveness of EAR: **January - March, 2020**
- Share initial Draft of Governance Structure: **March 19-20 COLD Meeting**
- Feedback on Draft from stakeholders: **March 23 - April 15, 2020**
- Share Final Draft Governance Structure: **May 1, 2020**

- Approve Final Governance Structure & Communication Framework: **May 28-29, 2020 COLD Meeting**
- Appoint/Elect new Governance Structure Members: **June, 2020**

Objectives/Strategies:

- Review effectiveness of current EAR Charge and Membership Structure + Charter
- Explore other e-content that can be included as part of the scope.
- Review process for how ECC and Opt-In opportunities and decisions are made (subscription memos)
- Review e-Resource Librarian and Collection Development Librarian networks and their relationship with EAR
- Review decision making responsibilities of EAR, SDLC and COLD
- Review level of communication between EAR, SDLC, COLD and individual campuses
- Review level of coordination between consortium and individual campus e-resource license negotiations
- Review SDLC workflows
- Environmental Scan – Library consortium governance structure for e-resource licensing & responsibilities
 - VIVA (Virginia’s Academic Library Consortium)
 - VIVA Collections Committee website:
<https://vivalib.org/c.php?g=836990&p=5978040>
 - FALSC (Florida Academic Library Services Cooperative)
 - Collection Management and E-Resources Standing Committee:
<https://libraries.flvc.org/standing-committees>