The minutes of the March 2012 meeting were approved.

The meeting for April 2012 had been cancelled so there were no minutes from that meeting.

Carole Perruso from the Library spoke to the ULC about the impact of projected budget reductions on Library Services for the coming academic year. The Library has been taking steps to mitigate adverse impact on students, faculty and classes. First, the Library went through a process of prioritizing services in order to take whatever budget cuts are handed down in non-priority areas, if possible. Classes and teaching are the priority for the Library and collections that are widely used for undergraduate classes were identified, including electronic resources. Ms. Perruso noted that some highly used electronic collections such as PsychInfo are not paid for out of the CSULB Library budget but are covered through the statewide Chancellor’s office. She described other resources covered on a statewide basis and said that was one of the “silver linings” of current budget situation in that individual CSU campuses are not necessarily required to cover the costs of all resources available through the Library. Ms. Perruso also noted that there are many electronic journals that are duplicated across electronic subscriptions from publishers and the Library has worked hard to identify these areas of duplication. In that way, the Library can sometimes eliminate the cost of some of the electronic subscriptions without necessarily eliminating on-line access to specific electronic journals. Ms. Perruso noted that the actual number of electronic journals that have been totally discontinued is very small and these journals have generally been of a highly specialized nature (e.g., Chemistry), and previous usage has been extremely low among students and faculty. Of those journals actually cut, the Library reports no adverse impact has been reported by faculty or students.

Ms. Perruso also talked about some of the other data gathering efforts and review of data that the Library has been involved in. For example, data suggest that, of the number of items that are requested through inter-library loan, a high percentage of these are never picked up. Despite this, the Library does not have any plans to discontinue inter-library loan services and will continue to monitor the situation. Ms. Perruso noted that, while they do not know for sure about the number of faculty and students who request journal articles through electronic Article Reach but never open the documents once they are delivered to the requestor’s email account, she said they suspect that this number may be very high and similar to unclaimed inter-library loan items. Nevertheless, Article Reach services will continue to be provided.
The issue of meeting day and time for the 2012-2013 academic year was discussed briefly. It was decided that the first Friday of every month at 1 p.m. would be our new meeting time beginning in September.

The majority of ULC members present noted that their membership on the ULC would continue in 2012-2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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