

LAUC-SD Mentoring Committee
Annual Report 2004 / 2005

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Created in April of 2005, the Committee's work during the brief period of its existence consisted of laying the groundwork for a productive 2005 - 2006 year.

After meeting to discuss individual members' ideas on the group's mission, we proposed changes to the original goals suggested by LAUC. The revised language (now in the form of a charge) was submitted to the LAUC Executive Board, which approved the changes. The revised version was presented to the LAUC membership at the July 26 meeting.

The most substantive revision reflected the fact that while the Committee should begin by soliciting mentees from library students and staff, as appropriate for a LAUC group, it should not necessarily restrict itself to working within the UCSD Libraries. Unless heavy demand from library student employees and staff precludes it, the Committee should be free to accept mentees from non-library students and staff. Another revision changed the proposed activities of the Committee. Originally these seemed to include only linking mentors with mentees and listing potential resources on our website. Our Committee members wanted to be authorized to sponsor events such as panel discussions and speakers.

To that end we also submitted a budget request of \$3,000 per year, sufficient to fund at least two forums and one or two "mixers" to bring together mentors and mentees in a relaxed social setting. Ultimately Cabinet approved a yearly budget of \$1,500 for two years, after which the Committee's work would be assessed. Our next step will be to prepare a final version of the Mentee Application form and send out a libraries-wide call for applicants.

Submitted by Duffy Tweedy, 10/24/05