

University Libraries Committee Minutes
Library West, Room 429
February 21, 2019
10am-12pm

Members Present: Sydney Cottingham, Richard Hill, Stephanie Leon, Czerne Reid, Mark Ritenour, Mary Edwards, Perry Collins, Judith Russell

Also Present: Lela Johnson (taking the minutes)

Members Absent: Angelos Barmpoutis, Sandra City, Anthony Coman, Preston Jones, Michael Murphy, Mario Poceski, Eric Potsdam

Call to Order

- The meeting was called into order at 10:05am

Approval of January 31, 2018 Minutes

- Minutes were approved, with committee membership noting that the new minutes layout, which, at committee chair Czerne Reid's request now includes details from the committee's discussion and noting conclusions drawn, is helpful
- Lela will forward to senate office for publication online
- Lela will update senate office with new agenda showing location change

Awareness Campaign for the Libraries

- Open discussion about topic proposed at January 31, 2019 meeting by Czerne
 - Discussion: ULC would like to discuss ideas for promoting the libraries internally so they are among the first places faculty and students think to look when they need for resources and services related to research, publication, classes, etc. There is concern that many faculty and students who could benefit, do not know about the many, wide-ranging resources and services that the libraries provide. Such library offerings include GIS services, 3D printing, the Institutional Repository at UF (IR@UF), the UF Open Access Publishing Fund, various collections, such as the Judaica and Latin America and the Caribbean Collections and many more. For example, a graduate student member of the ULC indicated that during her orientation she did not receive any information about the libraries or their capabilities. Judy mentioned that departments all have an assigned library liaison who are available to work with individual faculty as well as to attend faculty meetings upon request. Mark mentioned that he had coordinated a multi-hour event in his department where his department's library liaison came and showcased a range of available resources. On the other hand, Stephanie mentioned

that she didn't know that her department had a subject specialist. Judy pointed out that faculty can find their library subject specialist by going to <http://apps.uflib.ufl.edu/staffdir/SubjectSpecialist.aspx>, and that if they are unable to find what they need at that site, they can contact the libraries for more information. Judy suggested that awareness efforts could start at the level of the Deans, who could be asked to, in turn, ask chairs to devote 15 minutes during a faculty meeting for the library liaison to speak. ULC members expressed concern, however, that may chairs might not put that high on their list of priorities for inclusion on faculty meeting agenda. In addition, even if it is included in faculty meeting agendas, in some colleges faculty meetings may not be well-attended, in many cases because faculty are still working during the times meetings are scheduled.

- Conclusion: A coordinated internal campaign to raise awareness among faculty, staff and students about the resources and services the libraries provide would be valuable. Barbara Hood, Director of Communications for the Smathers Libraries should be invited to the March meeting to present on current outreach efforts and contribute to an open discussion on the idea of having a concerted campaign that pulls all the existing activities together under the same messaging/branding to raise awareness of the libraries across campus.

UF Open Access Publishing Fund February 2019 Update and 2017-2018 report

- [Click here to review the UFOAP Funding 2017-2018 Report](#) & [Click here to review the UFOAP February 2019 Report](#)
 - Discussion: Perry Collins presented the UF Open Access Publishing (UFOAP) Fund 2017-2018 and February 2019 reports. Highlights: The fund is in year 3 of a 4-year funding commitment, so this functioned essentially a midway report. Many notable findings. In 2017-2018, 222 awards were made and 66 applications denied due to lack of funding. A relatively high proportion of the supported primary authors (23%) were graduate students. College of Medicine and IFAS had by far the highest number of authors funded. Social sciences were not as heavily represented. Perry said this might be a function of how initial outreach about the fund was carried out. At current funding levels, a projected 144 awards will be made for 2019-2020. It is anticipated that the fund will have enough to get through Summer and into early- to mid-Fall. Since current funding is slated to end soon, the question is, what happens at when the current funding period ends. Will the program continue to exist? If so, by what mechanism will it be funded? One-off or recurring? And what will the program look like?
 - Conclusion: Richard raised the point and the group concurred that the ULC strongly affirms its support for the continued operation and expansion of the UFOAP Fund. If a funding commitment is to be sought from the provost and deans for 2021-2022 and beyond, the libraries

would need to demonstrate the program's success. To that end, a set of success criteria need to be developed, to which the program's performance can be mapped. The ULC can assist with ideas for such criteria. Perry and Judy will also do benchmarking against peer institutions and report to the group.

Deans Report – Judy Russell

- UF hosts site visit for Association of Research Libraries (ARL) Fellowship Program, February 25 – March 1
 - Reception for ARL Fellows is on Sunday, February 24 at 5pm-7pm in the Smathers Grand Reading Room. ULC members have received invitations and are encouraged to attend.
- Smathers Libraries Renovation Updates
 - Elevators in Smathers Library will be replaced/updated Summer 2019
 - \$1m allocated to improve HVAC
- Signage for the outside of library buildings is about to be presented to various committees involved in approval.
 - Judy will report back with more information

Wrap-Up/Other (Open Discussion)

- No additional topics noted

Agenda Topics for March 20, 2019 Meeting

- Judy will speak with Barbara Hood, Director of Communications, Smathers Libraries, about presenting on outreach to faculty & students with regard to a coordinated effort to showcase the resources and services the libraries offer.
- Perry to get with Assessment Librarian Laura Spears to gather information/present on what our peers are doing with regard to OAP funding
- Lela will send out agenda call for March meeting via email

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:11am