

University Libraries Committee Minutes  
Library West – Room 250  
February 27, 2020  
3:00pm-4:55pm

Members Present: Angelos Barmpoutis, Richard Hill, Mario Poceski, Melody Royster, Perry Collins, Lily Pang, Judith Russell

Also Present: Lela Johnson (taking the minutes)

Members Absent: Valentina Contesse, Raminder Kaur, Jane O’Connell, Eric Potsdam, Czerne Reid, Mark Ritenour, Christine Voigt

Meeting commenced at 3:15pm

#### **Minutes Approval**

- Minutes were approved with proposed changes by Judy and Angelos.

#### **UFOAP Monthly Update**

- Discussion: Perry updates the members that so far in 2020 she has approved 27 applications, totaling \$38,335. That leaves us with \$48,565 remaining for the year (or, most likely, for the semester). She goes on to report that so far trends we’ve seen in previous years are holding fast, with 25% of awards to graduate students and 10% to postdocs. Representation among the Colleges is also consistent, with 38% of awards to Agriculture/IFAS, 16% to Medicine, and the rest split among several other Colleges.

Judy updates that at the last Informal Dean’s luncheon she asked for feedback and shared a brief history of the UFOAP Fund and data about its utilization by various colleges and units. She reminded them that the Libraries administer the fund under the direction of the University Libraries Committee of the Faculty Senate and funding has been provided by the Provost. She explained that the Fund will run out of money at the end of the spring semester, so we need to make a decision about its future. She explained the options she explained were to close the fund and cease to offer support for Article Processing Charges (APCs) for UF authors or to seek additional funding from the Provost, UF Research, or even other Deans (Colleges). Judy noted that having the support of other deans would be beneficial when requesting continued funding from the Provost.

The ULC discussed continuing the Fund under the current policies but we also considered several options for refocusing it. About 1/3 of the funding has been provided to graduate students and Post Docs and there was discussion about focusing the Fund on serving this population since they would be the least likely to have access to other sources of funding for APCs. We have not differentiated the rank of faculty members who have received

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funding, but there was some discussion about directing the funding to early career faculty members since they are working toward tenure and again have less access to funding than more senior faculty. These options were discussed briefly, but inconclusively, at lunch with the deans.

If we do continue, we need to consider what a reasonable budget looks like. We have twice run out of money and had to suspend payments until the new calendar year. We have expended \$468,000 dollars since 2017 and turned away \$282,000 in eligible requests due to lack of funding. And this has been done with very little outreach and promotion because the funding was so limited that we didn't want to create false expectations.

The deans were sent a follow-up messages asking the following questions:

*NOTE: We already **exclude** any authors with alternative sources of funding, including grants, departmental funds, development funds, etc.*

Should we continue to operate a UFOAP Fund?

- Yes
- No

If yes, who should be eligible for funding? (Check all that you feel should apply)

- Graduate students and Post Docs?
- Junior faculty?
- All faculty?
- Staff?
- Other? (please specify)

How much is enough? Clearly the current funding of \$120,000 per calendar year is inadequate to meet the demand.

- \$240,000 per year?
- \$360,000 per year?
- Other? (please specify)

How does this compete with other funding priorities in your college/unit?

- Questions: Angelos asked what Judy thought the approximate date would be for sharing her findings from the academic deans to the Provost, and she responded that she hopes to have that recommendation to him before the next budget cycle.

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- Conclusion: University Libraries Committee is in support of continued funding to the UFOAP. Judy will be attending SCORS on March 10<sup>th</sup> and she will also follow-up with the deans for their suggestions and report back to ULC via email.

## UF Authors' Rights Policy Discussion

- Discussion: Group discussed and agreed to changing the name "Open Access Policy" to "UF Authors' Rights Policy". It was discussed that we should not use the word mandate in any of our publications or marketing of this policy.
- Questions: Some of the questions were brought up again about why UF would have a policy and the answer is the same, to protect the UF authors' rights to use their own published work. Angelos also asked what type of timeline we would be working with, Perry answered that would really be up to the ULC.
- Conclusion: We will be working with the libraries designers to create a fun and easy layout for better marketing of the policy and presenting things in a "story" type manner.

## Dean's Report

- Library Budget – Judy reports that there will be no update on the library budget until after the legislature recesses sometime and governor completes his review and applies his line item vetos.
- A bill in the Legislature would require Florida Poly & New College to be acquired by UF; more information will be forthcoming as the Legislature make its decisions.

## Additional Topics

- No additional topics noted.

## Wrap-up

- Next meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2020 from 1:55pm-3:50pm in Smathers Libraries Conference Room.
- Agenda items for next meeting
  - UF Authors Rights Discussion/Review
  - Dean's Report (update on Dean's Conversation about UF Authors' Rights Policy)

Meeting adjourned at 4:51pm