

University Libraries Committee Minutes

Zoom Meeting

July 23, 2020

2:30pm-3:50pm

Members Present: Angelos Barmpoutis, Richard Hill, Jane O'Connell, Czerne Reid, Perry Collins, Judith Russell, Laura Spears, Christine Voigt

Also Present: Misty Colson (taking the minutes)

Members Absent: Valentina Contesse, Raminder Kaur, Mario Poceski, Eric Potsdam, Mark Ritenour and Melody Royster

Minutes Approval – Motion made to approve. Motion seconded.

COVID-19 Discussion/Update

- Plan to Health Science Center Library (HSCL) on Monday, August 10. The other five branches (Library West, Smathers Library, Marston Science Library, Architecture & Fine Arts Library, and the Education Library) will open on August 28. However, a request was received this week to open the HSCL first floor for student use due to the Reitz Union closing at 7p. The use of Newell Hall is also being assessed.
- Dr. Michael Lauzardo is attending the Wednesday, July 29 Library Town Hall to discuss how COVID-19 protocols relate in a library setting. Earlier this week, at the Academic Deans' meeting Dr. Lauzardo emphasized the importance of wearing masks, social distancing, keeping as many employees as possible working remotely, and the use of tracing and tracking. The Smathers Libraries are looking to minimize how many employees return to work in the fall.
- UF purchased plexiglass barriers and NK95 masks for staff working at the libraries' main entrances and circulation desks.
- There are approximately 12,000 students with one or more face to face classes.
- Seating capacity will be reduced to approximately 31%. Currently, furniture is being moved, new offices are being created, and signage is being installed. The libraries will be monitoring headcounts and expect the most extensive use during 10a-4p. MSL and Library West are assessing what hours to be open since they were usually open extended hours. The Smathers Library, Education Library, Architecture & Fine Arts Library, and the HSCL will be open their regular hours.
- The Law School is expecting all of the first-year students to be on campus, a quarter of the second year have opted for online and approx. 33% of third-year students online. There will be 201 seats (approx.. 30 %) in the general seating area and 34 in the graduate area. The hours of operation will be reduced, and access will be via swipe for the UF College of Law community. If users fall outside of the UF College of Law community, they will have access to the library material pick-up service.
- UF has had 1300 students withdraw their dorm requests. All indications are these students are only withdrawing from staying in the dorms, not withdrawing from UF.
- The fall ULC meetings will continue to be held via Zoom.

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- The Smathers Libraries will have a policy that meetings of three or more people will have to be held via Zoom, and it may be a preferred method if there are only two people.

UFOAP Monthly Update

- Perry Collins has not made a lot of progress on the OA program report, but she will circulate it to ULC members by the next meeting. After that, she will work on distributing messaging to colleges, deans, and previous recipients about funding no longer being available.

UF Author Rights Policy Discussion

- Perry Collins has made a bit of progress. She had previously considered having conversations with targeted groups but instead opted to have short one-on-one conversations with faculty (10 or so) that have already been engaged in conversation about this topic. She is also speaking with individuals that are already allies of the topic that will give constructive criticism. If ULC members know of individuals they want Perry to speak with, they should send their names to her. She has sent 20 emails to library faculty to get their feedback and has a meeting scheduled on August 4.
- Perry is thinking of the next steps but doesn't want to overwhelm anyone given the difficulty of the semester due to COVID-19. She put together a report of everyone from the OA fund that had received hybrid funding that might benefit the most from a UF Author Rights Policy. It includes approximately 30 people from UF in a cross-section of disciplines.
- Perry asked ULC members to begin thinking about when this topic needs to move forward to the Faculty Senate [Research and Scholarship Council](#)?
- Did Perry include the College of The Arts (COTA) in her outreach? She included Anne Lindell from the Architecture & Fine Arts Library and Porchia Moore from Museum Studies.
- Richard Hill submitted an article to Wiley Journal based in Europe. Is there anything different from legal sense about different countries?. Lines are fine – copyright law is specific for each country, but licensing provision would still work in the same. There are no restrictions on copyright. Perry will try to determine the different wording for different countries to use as examples to assist authors with how to answers copyright questions.
- Perry noted she has heavily borrowed language from universities that already have open access policies.

Impacts of veto of Complete Florida Plus

- Judy Russell provided a recap of the veto and the subsequent effects. Significant progress has been since the last ULC meeting. Services deemed as essential that are provided by FALSC have been identified. Costs for those essential services and how the

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costs will be divided between all the universities and colleges are being compiled and should be ready by next week.

- FALSC and FLVC staff are still working and are being paid using carryforward funds. They have been performed amazingly under such duress.

Dean's Report

- Budget Update:
 - Information received indicates a 2% budget cut to colleges. This is promising considering the 6% legislature holdback. However, there is always a possibility the legislature could hold another session that could result in further cuts later in the year. Looking at what a 2% cut means for the libraries. Vendors have already been contacted asking for no pricing increases or lower price increases. More information should be available by the August 20 ULC meeting.
- AI:
 - Judy asked the Library AI Team to meet with the next week to discuss how to support the implementation of UF's AI initiatives.

Additional Topics

- None

Wrap-up/Topics for August 20th meeting

- The next ULC meeting is on August 20.