

# University Libraries Committee Minutes

## Zoom Meeting

August 20, 2020

9:35am-11:30am

Members Present: Angelos Barmpoutis, Olivia Caillouet, Josepha Cheong, Wendy Dahl, Jonathan Edelmann, Richard Hill, Eric Potsdam, Czerne Reid, Christine Voigt, Paul Wassel, Perry Collins, Laura Spears, Judith Russell, Jane O'Connell

Also Present: Lela Johnson (taking the minutes)

Members Absent: New member, Roger Maioli (English Department)

The meeting commenced at 9:35am

### Minutes Approval

- A motion was made to approve minutes; the motion was seconded and approved.

### New Member Introductions

- Olivia Caillouet, Student Member
- Josepha Cheong, Professor, Department of Psychiatry
- Wendy Dahl, Associate Professor, Food, Science & Human Nutrition
- Jonathan Edelmann, Assistant Professor, Liberal Arts & Sciences (Religion)
- Paul Wassel, Student Member

### COVID-19 Discussion/Update

- Fall hours for all libraries are available here ([click to review hours](#))
- The Law Library has very restricted hours and they are available here ([click to review hours](#))
- The Marston Science Library will have longer hours during Fall 2020 due to the seating capacity.
- Smathers Room 100 is set up for overflow for students, with 45 seats available.
- The Law Library has 201 seats for general law students with some additional soft seating. Approximately 600 law students are expected to be on campus starting Monday. Questions about seat reservations have been received, but the Law Library is not doing this at this time.
- The libraries will not have group study rooms available for students.
- Will students be expected to clean up after themselves? Student Government is going to encourage students to clean their spaces when they arrive and leave. Products will be available for them to use at the various libraries.
- Will anyone be responsible for making sure students are wearing masks? There is only one public entrance into all the libraries with the exception of the Health Science Center Library. There will be a security guard and a staff member at the entrance, checking to make sure they have their Gator One ID and wearing a face mask. If they do not have a

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mask, they will have to leave and get a mask. There will be several vending machines on campus selling masks.

- Occupancy counters are installed to provide students with the ability to see the occupancy status of the library they wish to visit. ([click here to check occupancy](#))
- Is there is a plan for when students get turned away and complain via social media? Director of Communications Barbara Hood & Social Media Specialist Moxy Moczygemba will be monitoring social media for the library and will be ready to respond to students with suggestions on other spaces available at that time.
- An FAQ page is available at <https://uflib.ufl.edu/library-services-in-fall-2020>.
  - A committee member suggested that perhaps instead of answering no, you cannot eat or drink in the library, it should read that you can only have water.
  - Will there be increased staff to help maintain social distancing in the library? Usually, a lot of student workers are hired in the fall, and the library does have permission to hire student workers. Spring and summer student workers have been retained and invited back to work in fall, so there will be regular staff and student workers monitoring things as well as cameras set up.
- The Law Library is not hiring back any student workers due to reducing hours of operations. Study rooms have been closed off; no tables and chairs have been removed due to space limitations, but tables will be taped off to maintain social distancing. Self-checkout has also been implemented.
- A committee member commented that in the past he would bring his classes to the library, and a librarian would teach the undergraduate students how to access library materials. Is this a possibility this year? A suggestion was made to do this via zoom at this time.

### UFOAP Monthly Update

- A quick overview for new members: The Open Access Fund was set up with the ULC administering, with the support from the Provost's office four years ago, to subsidize the costs of publications in open access journals that charge fees. Not all journals that have open access options charge fees, many of them are free to publish in. However, there are numerous journals, that in order to offer open access options, have a fee to publish in the journal to sustain their business model. The purpose of this program was to help those researchers who do not have access to grant funds to help subsidize these kinds of publications.
- An email has been sent to members giving an overview of the fund from the last four years.
- The committee chair suggested that this is the last time a report on this fund will be needed, and the topic be removed from the agenda for future meetings.
- Are there other funding ideas for the OA funding like federal grants or foundation money? Prior to closures due to COVID, the committee did discuss alternative funding but no solution has been identified at this time.

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- Is there a database that is accessible that reflects who and what was funded with this initiative? Perry Collins is in the process of updating this report.

### UF Author Rights Policy Discussion

- Perry prepared and shared a brief presentation on the Author Rights Policy (see below)
- A policy like this would help protect the rights of faculty who want to more broadly share their published articles legally with a wider number of audiences who might not have access to the kinds of subscription resources available at a university like UF. Such as international collaborators and local government agencies who don't have the budget to access published research.
- A draft statement has been created and will be sent to ULC members for review.
- Why should UF have this policy?
  - Expands options for authors to share their articles
  - A layer of legal protection
  - Continuing a conversation around scholarly sharing
- What's next?
  - Webpage in process
  - 1 on 1 conversations
  - Presentation to SCORS hopefully this academic year
- Should the ULC get feedback from the faculty on campus before it's presented to SCORS or after? The committee is still at the point of thinking about what the feedback from faculty would look like. Having small group conversations at a college level may be a good start. Perry is open to ideas of who she could speak to about these types of conversations. A student member said he would be willing to add this topic to one of his meeting agendas.
- Has there been pushback from publishers? Larger publishers have gotten used to these types of conversations, which have been going on for the last 15 years. The policy would be communicated to our publishers to be as transparent as possible. The dean of libraries mentioned that the library has an agreement with Elsevier where they give a discount to UF authors who publish in their journals. There are discussions with Wiley in regards to a publishing discount as well.

### Dean's Report

- Budget Update
  - The net budget decrease across campus is a 2% decrease to all colleges.
  - Judy Russell reached out to vendors to keep library pricing flat within the state university system. This would allow for a \$200,000 of savings from the three largest publishers. There is a meeting next week to discuss this proposal.
  - There will be more budget information available to discuss at the September meeting.

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- Complete Florida Plus Update – The Chancellors from the Department of Education and the Board of Governors are submitting an LBR (Legislative Budget Request) to restore funding next year for the program and licensing of online resources. They have a request out now called an “expression of interest,” asking if any of the colleges or universities would be willing to take over administration of this function. By September 15<sup>th</sup> they hope to identify the new host institution and to complete the transition by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Additional Topics**

- None

### **Wrap-up/Topics for September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting**

- Library Budget Update

The meeting adjourned at 11:33am

# UF | Author Rights



## What it is:

A policy protecting faculty rights to share your published research.



## What it is not:

A requirement to publish in specific journals or to share your research against your wishes.

## How it works:

**Share your work widely—even after signing a publisher agreement**

Faculty grant an automatic, nonexclusive license to UF to post and share published articles. This license allows you to keep sharing even if you assign rights to a publisher.

# Policy History at UF



Work ongoing 2011-2015 to move forward similar policy with mixed feedback



Since then, rise of funder public access policies has shifted conversation



Open Access Publishing Fund complementary but not overlapping

# Proposed Policy Highlights

Applies only to journal articles written by UF faculty (could apply by default to student or non-UF co-authors)

Major goal is to reserve author right to share no matter the policies of specific publisher

Typically, this means giving nonexclusive license to UF to hold onto



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Who else is doing it

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# Why do it

Legally expands options for sharing publications, especially for subscription journals

Vehicle for sustained engagement in conversations around open access, public scholarship, etc.

# Why it's hard

The details of the policy and the “how” of sharing can get complicated

Perception that current system works for most and authors don't feel constrained by publisher policies

## Next steps

Finalize web page with both high-level and in-the-weeds info

Move forward with one-on-one and group conversations

Begin movement and review through Faculty Senate