

University Libraries Committee Minutes

Zoom Meeting

September 23, 2020

9:35am-11:30am

Members Present: Angelos Barmpoutis (chair), Sarah Bartolomel, Nikolaus Bindi, Olivia Caillouet, Wendy Dahl, Jonathan Edelmann (co-chair), Richard Hill, Roger Maioli, Jane O'Connell, Eric Potsdam, Czerne Reid, Chrstine Voigt, Paul Wassel, Perry Collins, Judith Russell

Also Present: Lela Johnson (taking the minutes), Sylvain Dore

Members Absent: Josepha Cheong, Laura Spears

The meeting commenced at 9:34am

Minutes Approval

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

Co-Chair Election

- The committee chair opened a discussion regarding selecting a member to be co-chair of the University Libraries Committee (ULC). He explained that the co-chair would help host meetings and assume responsibility for running meetings in the chair's absence. The co-chair would also attend Research and Research and Scholarship Council meetings with the chair and represent the ULC when the chair is absent.
- Jonathan Edelmann volunteered to be co-chair. With no other volunteers or nominations noted, members of the committee voted him in unanimously.

Research and Scholarship Council/Infrastructure Council Meetings Update ([minutes from September 4th meeting](#))

- The nature of the first Research and Scholarship Council meeting was mostly introductory. All contributing members were asked to list topics they would like to discuss/pursue this academic year. The ULC will bring for discussion the topic of Authors Rights Policy.
- SCORS should now be referred to as the Research and Scholarship Council.

COVID-19 Discussion/Update

- Library West has reopened, and things have been running smoothly, with only a few instances where chairs were moved to sit next to another patron. There have been very few individuals not complying with the social distancing rules and mask enforcement.
- Library West is averaging about 40% capacity (8am-6pm M-F)
- Marston Science Library (open late and on weekends) is averaging about 40% capacity and spikes during the weekend at 70%.
- HathiTrust ([click here](#)) has always had split access between copyright and out of copyright materials available. The out of copyright materials are available to everyone,

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even non-members. Access to the in-copyright materials is more restricted due to copyright law, but they have been available to UF to use as a member for disability access. Starting in the summer due to COVID, HathiTrust created an emergency access program permitting the use of digital in-copyright titles owned by any state university library. One of the requirements was that we do not circulate the printed books, as the basis of copyright was that we own one or more print copies to have digital copies to use- but not circulate a print copy and a digital copy at the same time. We have only had one complaint from a faculty member regarding not getting a print copy. Presumably, we will continue to do the same thing during the spring semester because so many students are studying remotely and faculty members working remotely.

- A member asked if HathiTrust was only available to faculty, or did students also have access to those materials? It is available to UF students and faculty and anyone with a SUS ID while on campus. To gain access off-campus, the user will need to be on the VPN (logged in with their UF account), so HathiTrust can authenticate them as a UF user.
- Jane O'Connell updated that their experience at the Law Library has been somewhat similar. No one has objected to wearing a mask, but students have been pulling them down. There is no capacity issue at this time. The Law Library will be closed from Thanksgiving until January 11, 2021. All Law students have finished classes before Thanksgiving, and most classes have been in person so far this semester. The rationale is that they don't want students coming back to campus after they have traveled.
- The libraries are not doing course reserves due to the need to quarantine books after each use. Digital course reserves have been available. Czerne Reid added that she had used the Ask-a-Librarian a few times, and staff have been very responsive, helpful, and have gone out of their way to do research and send links. Materials that she has used were available for an hour at a time and then needed to be checked out again. The library has purchased a lot more electronic books, particularly items that are needed for course reserves or active use and assignments for specific courses.
- Paul Wassel reported the online capacity counter was a big hit at the last Graduate Student Council Meeting.
- Nikolas Bindi said that students might not need to come to the library now; however, he can see that this need will increase during the exam season. Do the libraries have a plan for that? Dean Russell answered that we don't have the opportunity to increase seating capacity, unfortunately. Typically expanded hours are offered in the evenings and on weekends during exams. A lot of exams will be online, so perhaps the expanded hours will not be needed.
- Sarah Bartolomei says she has been using the libraries a lot lately, and she has noticed that the Marston Science Library doesn't seem to be cleaning, nor has she seen wipes where you can clean the tables yourself. Judy will follow up with MSL on this.

UF Author Rights Policy Discussion

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- As a brief overview, Perry Collins explained that the Author Rights Policy has been a discussion topic with the ULC for over a year and is a model after other universities. The goal is to help faculty researchers retain the right to be able to share published articles. A one-page flyer is being mocked up that gives an overview of this, both in terms of why you might be interested in sharing or publishing research more broadly in the first place and why you'd want to protect and retain some of those rights.
- One major policy change that should be discussed before we bring this up to RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL: As the policy is written, if the author doesn't specifically opt-out, gives non-exclusive license to the University of Florida, even if they sign a copyright agreement with a publisher. There has been some concern that faculty may take issue with giving non-exclusive rights to the university. We want to frame this policy as something that is being done on behalf of faculty researchers.
- Opt-Out Policy
 - May bring up concerns about faculty rights to research
 - Could have a more significant impact because of the number of faculty
 - Requires opt-out process
- Opt-In Policy
 - Interested faculty have the option to sign up – but not required
 - Aligns with messaging that this is working for faculty but not required
 - Allows single workflow for faculty, staff, postdocs, students
- The committee chaired asked in comparison to other universities what do they follow, opt-in, or opt-out? Perry answers, for the most part, they follow the opt-out policy, due to the potential impact of reaching to so many faculty.
- Roger Maioli dos Santos suggested that we circulate a link asking individuals which they prefer, and a choice would need to be made by a specific date. The link could tell them why they might consider making this choice. The idea is that the Faculty Senate would pass the Authors Rights Policy that would allow the author to go online and fill out a very short form or click a button and say, yes, this now applies to me. He also asks if there any data on how publishers may respond to this policy; for example, is it possible that publishers may decide not to publish something they might accept otherwise. Historically this has not happened at other universities with stricter policies than the one we are working on. The libraries have discussed this concern with publishers, which does not affect whether your article is accepted (published).
- By October 12, Perry will have a complete packet that can be brought up to the Research and Scholarship Council, moving forward as an opt-in policy.
- A committee member asks what members of the ULC think, for example, which they would prefer. Richard Hill indicates that he prefers the opt-out policy. No other concerns were noted at this time.
- The chair of the committee asks if there are any concerns with that.

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- Sylvain suggested that the library present briefly at the monthly faculty council chairs meeting. Perry Collins will present, with Judy and Angelos if there are additional questions or concerns. The recommendation is to present both options for discussion.

Dean's Report

- Smathers Library is undergoing some repairs such as removing and replacing windows, repointing bricks, and replacing gutters.
- As reported earlier, Marston Science Library has resumed pre-COVID hours, as it has the most seats and is the most accessible building to monitor.
- Ask-a-Librarian
 - Text us at 1-813-463-2283
 - Call a reference librarian at 866-281-6309
 - Chat Hours:
 - Monday-Thursday 8am-9am
 - Friday 8am-5pm
 - Saturday & Sunday 9am-1pm
 - Email using this form ([click here](#))
- The library participated in a campus-wide student success survey that went out to students in July. Concerns relating to library services were shared with the library dean, which were very helpful in both looking at reopening strategies and assessing services.
- The Library Leadership Board meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2020. The ULC committee chair has been invited to attend, and an invitation will be extended to the new co-chair.
- New Library website <https://uflib.ufl.edu>
- New guide connected to online courses <https://guides.uflib.ufl.edu/libraryresearch>
- As part of the Black Lives Matter movement, photographs and artifacts are being kept for archival purposes. It is an essential part of documenting UF's engagement in this entire process.
- A committee member asked about the food and water policy of the library? Water bottles are allowed, but no other food and beverages. Judy will follow up on the campus-wide policy.

Additional Topics

- Sylvain updates that to support undergraduate students who cannot be in the labs due to COVID, we are enrolling them into writing scoping reviews. The library has been beneficial in this. When a review is written, there are different databases, is there a way to collate different databases showing what is covered with keywords? Judy asked Sylvain to send her the list of databases he's referring to, and she will see if we can assist; perhaps a Libguide would be helpful.
- Sciwheel has purchased the F1000 free literature manager. Sylvain would like to have training for his students on Schiwheel; however, the understanding is there is currently

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none due to security issues that need review. This is not a library issue; but rather a UFIT issue. This service has to go through UFIT for approval, which is typically quick, and Judy believes a request has already been made for an expedited approval process. Once approval is received, the class is ready. Judy will check with Melissa Rethlefsen at the Health Science Center Library to get an update.

- Czerne asked if RefWorks was ending? Yes, UF will not be renewing this service after December 31, 2020. This was a service paid for out of FALSE funding. It was determined to be a tool or a utility, not a database, and the intention of the funding was to provide content. There are other free and widely used choices. If anyone needs help with migration, Judy will refer someone to assist.

Wrap-up/Topics for October 26, 2020 meeting

- None noted

The meeting adjourned at 11:23am