University Libraries Committee Minutes
February 18, 2021
10:40 am – 12:35 pm

Members Present: Angelos Barmpoutis (chair), Olivia Caillouet, Josepha Cheong, Perry
                     Collins, Wendy Dahl, Jonathan Edelmann (co-chair), Richard Hill, Eric
                     Potsdam, Czerne Reid, Judith Russell, Paul Wassel

Also Present: Lela Johnson (taking the minutes), Tara Cataldo, Suzanne Stapleton,
                     Michelle Leonard

Members Absent: Roger Maioli, Jane O'Connell, Laura Spears, Christine Voigt

The meeting commenced at 10:40 am being chaired by Jonathan Edelmann.

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

Predatory Publishing Presentation – Tara Cataldo, Michelle Leonard, and Suzanne Stapleton
- The purpose of this presentation is to provide a summary of the situation regarding
  fraudulent publishing, the library's involvement in this issue, and to seek input on how
  librarians can better meet campus needs to address predatory publishing.
- Presentation Notes *attached*:
- Links mentioned in chat:
  - Faculty Senate Presentation from last January
  - FAQ
  - https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11051-020-05094-0
  - Think. Check. Submit
- Questions/Concerns:
  - The ULC co-chair asked if anyone from UF has fallen victim to predatory
    publishing. Perry answered that there are no specific numbers at UF, mostly
    anecdotal. She also shared that she was glad to report that they are often
    working with researchers beforehand. She will keep the group updated.
- In closing, Suzanne shared three tips to consider when publishing in a journal:
  - Check editorial board composition!
  - Is there a peer review process?
  - What are the fees?

- If other questions come up, please feel free to email any of the presenters or Perry.
  - Perry Collins (perrycollins@ufl.edu)
  - Tara Cataldo (ttobin@ufl.edu)
  - Suzanne Stapleton (suzanne@ufl.edu)
  - Michelle Leonard (mleonard@uflib.ufl.edu)

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Research & Scholarship/Infrastructure Council Meetings Update

- Research & Scholarship Council – the ULC chair reported that Sylvain Dore asked if the Research and Scholarship Council members could have input on topics to be published in the library's monthly newsletter. The Dean of University Libraries updated that the library does not have a monthly newsletter, but the library does have a semiannual newsletter called News from the Source. She suggested submitting this request to the Faculty Update electronic newsletter. The library does send information through that source routinely. Perry Collins can work on something for the Library Directory of Communications Barbara Hood to submit to the Faculty Update.
- The ULC chair reported that Sylvain Dore requested the revitalization of a discussion on VIVO as one of the main bibliography information systems for authors at UF. This topic will be added to the agenda for the March ULC meeting.
- Infrastructure Council – The Dean of University Libraries reported that work on the exterior of the Smathers Library south tower has been completed, and work on the punch list is in the final stages.

COVID-19 Discussion/Update

- Several weeks ago, the Marston Science Library and Library West had to close early due to a staff shortage. These closures caused a significant number of public record requests from local newspapersand faculty to be emailed and asked to comment off the record.
- The University of Florida is planning on reopening classrooms without social distancing restrictions in the Fall semester and possibly Summer B semesters. Masks will still be required on campus. The libraries are looking at reopening at full capacity if this does happen.

UF Author Rights Policy Discussion

- Perry Collins gave a presentation to the College of Liberal Arts Faculty Council on Monday, February 15, 2021. Perry went over the basics about the UF Author Rights Policy and felt like it was a good conversation.
- Future discussions are being scheduled for March with the United Faculty of Florida Union. Perry will be speaking to the Library Faculty Assembly next week.
- Perry has been monitoring feedback coming in from the form on the website, though it's not publicized. The committee is confident in the policy's language, the libraries can start promoting the site more widely and get more feedback at that time.
- Perry also informed ULC that she had a conversation with her contact in the General Council's Office because of a question in December. What happens if a journal does have an issue, and I don't want to opt-out of the policy, will the university stand behind me? The answer is basically yes, as it is written in the policy.

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Dean's Report – Judith Russell

- Library relationship with [HathiTrust](#) & print books – HathiTrust grew largely out of the Google Books Project, where large amounts of books at universities were being systematically digitized. HathiTrust is split into two components:
  - out of copyright materials are publicly accessible; you do not have to be a member institution
  - in copyright restricted materials allow a user to see a snippet but not the full text, if a library owns a print copy a user can see a little more

  Due to COVID, there was a greater need for electronic content to put on course reserve. As a result, HathiTrust came up with a solution called the Emergency Temporary Access Service.

  The State University System (12 member consortia of university libraries) had to agree as a group to remove all in-copyright books from circulation for the duration of COVID. This, in turn, would provide the SUS with access to the digital copies instead of the print copies. In Spring 2021, 4 out of the 12 libraries, specifically the smaller libraries, preferred to circulate the print books again. They conceded since it was an all or nothing proposition and the other ten university libraries still needed electronic access, which included all of the research libraries. This will possibly change Fall 2021 as the campus opens more fully.

  Questions/Concerns:
  The ULC co-chair said that he had heard complaints from students who could not get physical books from the library. When they would go to check them out, they were not able to. This obviously won't be a permanent situation, though there is no specific timeline – but the Dean of University Libraries thinks things will go back to normal in the Fall semester.

  A committee member asked if the University of Florida opts out of participating in this, is there a plan to send the library's books for them to copy/scan? Google Books is a parallel activity-it just happens that Google Books is a major source of input into HathiTrust-so, yes, every book UF sends through the Google Books scanning process will end up in HathiTrust. UF would have access to the materials as the source library, but others would not have access to in-copyright titles.

- Budget Update – there was a quick recap of what was discussed at the last ULC meeting. The Dean of University Libraries sent an impact statement to Provost Joseph Glover, VP of Research David Norton, and all the senior VP's laying out the effects on the materials budget and staffing (no employment offers are being made until the library budget is known).

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Additional Topics

- A faculty member asked the Dean of University Libraries what post-pandemic events would look like at the library? For example, 2022 is the 25th anniversary of the Harry Potter book serie,and she would like to discuss having events as the campus opens back up. The Dean will contact Josepha Cheong to discuss further ideas on this matter.
    - Celebrating 40 Years of the Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica (virtual event)
    - Gannon Event in April (hybrid event -virtual with a small VIP group on-site)
    - The Dean of University Libraries also updated that work is being done to determine what activities the library can participate in as new faculty and students come back in the Fall semester.
- The ULC co-chair suggested Faculty Book Launch Events as a great way to get people into the library and highlight faculty research.

Wrap-up/Topics March 22

- VIVO and what the ULC can do?
- Fall Library Events Discussion
    - Events scheduled for March 2021
        - Celebrating 40 Years of the Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica Virtual Event, March 7, 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm
        - Documenting Migration Stories: The Haitian American Dream Digital Archive, March 10, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm.