

University Libraries Committee Minutes

March 22, 2021

12:50 pm – 2:45 pm

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

Also Present: Lela Johnson (taking the minutes)

Members Absent: Perry Collins, Roger Maioli, Jane O'Connell, Christine Voigt

The meeting commenced at 12:50 pm.

Minutes Approval

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

Research & Scholarship/Infrastructure Council Meetings Update

- Research & Scholarship Council – At the last meeting, the Research & Scholarship Council Chair asked the ULC Chair to give a rough estimate of the overall response now that several UF Author Rights Policy presentations have been given across campus. . Currently there is not an estimate since the presentations and meetings are being held at different colleges for feedback and discussion overall. However, there is slightly more interest in the opt-out. The ULC Chair also reported that the Research & Scholarship Council is interested in hearing what UFF will say on the opt-in and opt-out discussion. It was noted the council is always eager to hear updates from ULC.
- Infrastructure Council Meeting – The Dean of University Libraries reported that the final wrap-up on the Smathers Library building south tower's shell had been completed. There is nothing else to report out of the Infrastructure Council at this time.

COVID-19 Discussion/Update

- The Dean of University Libraries reported that the library is still planning on restoring seating for Summer B & Fall. The one area of concern is group study rooms. Charlie Lane, Senior Vice President and COO has been contacted for information about assessing the airflow so campus experts can be consulted to decide on the appropriate number of people being allowed in the space.
- The ULC Chair asked if the library will have social distancing once more students come back to campus. The Dean of University Libraries said social distancing is not going to be required in the classrooms, but patrons will still be required to be cleared to be on campus and wear masks, if they are required. If masks are required, food and drinks will continue to be banned in the libraries.
- The ULC Chair asked if the same would apply to other library services, such as book circulation. The Dean of University Libraries answered that HathiTrust has been

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informed their emergency electronic access service will no longer be used starting May 7th.

- The ULC Chair asked if the library would continue to be closed to the community? The Dean of University Libraries answered that the decision for reopening the library without an appointment had not been made yet.
- A ULC member asked about vaccines and if patrons will be required to show their vaccine documentation? The Dean of University Libraries said that this hadn't been decided yet by the Governor.

UF Author Rights Policy Discussion – Perry's Report sent via email since she was unable to attend today's meeting

- We met with CLAS Faculty Council and the Libraries LFA. Overall the response from both was positive. CLAS seemed to lean toward opt-out, though there were a few folks who preferred opt-in or didn't feel like they could answer; we did not get to this conversation in the Libraries because there were already so many good questions that we ran out of time, but this is something Perry can follow up on.
- Last week UFF-UF finally offered a time to speak to the council, this Thursday, March 25th, from 1-2 pm. Perry is hoping that Angelos can join as well, if not she will take the lead and follow up afterward.
- Based on all of this and the timing, Perry says we're looking at bringing this up to Faculty Senate in October or possibly November. She can spend the remaining time this semester making some additional tweaks to the website and policy language and planning for implementation.
- ULC committee members need to make a final decision by next month, after the UFF-UF meeting, on opt-out/opt-in. Perry said that personally, based on what we've heard she is still leaning toward opt-in as more transparently engaging faculty who want to be included and giving flexibility to colleges and departments (i.e., departments that see the value in this can ask all of their faculty join). Since it seems likely we will do an opt-in policy at some point for grad students or other non-faculty, it would also be logistically easier for the Libraries to implement one policy model. But we can make either option work.
- The ULC Chair asked if the Faculty Senate has to vote on if it's opt-in or opt-out. It was discussed that the committee has always worked with the understanding that it would need this to run through the Faculty Senate for a vote.

Dean's Report – Judith Russell

- Inaugural Michael Gannon Lecture, April 13th, 2021, with Author Jon Meacham. ULC members were sent information about registering for the virtual event. He will be speaking on civil rights.
- President Biden has nominated former Senator Bill Nelson to be the Agency Administrator of NASA. The Dean of University Libraries reported that the library hopes

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to have Senator Nelson come to UF again as part of the Nelson Initiative for an Astronauts Forum sometime in the fall of 2021.

- The Dean of University Libraries reported more in-person events are anticipated moving into fall. Click [here](#) to see all the library events.
- There are no updates on the library budget at this time.
- FALSC will now be called Florida Postsecondary Academic Library Network.

Additional Topics

- The ULC Chair asked if the committee will be meeting in person during the fall semester. The Dean of University Libraries said that this would be completely up to the committee members. There is a real advantage in doing virtual meetings but suggested that perhaps we could do one or two in-person meetings in the fall. The ULC Chair agrees that a hybrid-style meeting schedule is worth considering. This topic should be added to the ULC's first fall meeting agenda, so the new members can be part of the discussion.
- A committee member also agreed with having a hybrid meeting schedule, as he enjoys being able to meet people and have conversations that build bridges when it comes to promoting conversations between units.

Wrap-up/Topics April 19th (last meeting until fall)

- VIVO Discussion – The Faculty Senate Chair wanted this topic brought up for discussion with ULC to determine if the library can help in this being used on a larger scale. Right now it's being maintained by the medical school. It was reported to the Dean of University Libraries that the Faculty Senate Chair has heard from several faculty members that their research was not getting enough visibility in VIVO. The Dean of University Libraries reported that when the University of Florida started using Academic Analytics, the College of the Arts, the libraries and several other colleges were not in the scope of the kind of data collected. Consequently, any of the analytics that were pulled from the platform would not include publications by authors from these units. Putting our data into VIVO wouldn't change that data. She is not sure what can be done to solve this problem. The library does have the Institutional Repository where users can get a clickable, searchable link to their document(s). For more information on the IR, [click here](#).

The meeting adjourned at 1:48 pm.