

# University Libraries Committee Minutes

April 19, 2021

12:50 pm – 2:45 pm

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

Also Present: Lela Johnson (taking the minutes)

Members Absent: Roger Maioli, Laura Spears, Christine Voigt, Paul Wassel

The meeting commenced at 12:54 pm.

## Minutes Approval

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

## Elect chair/co-chair for the following academic year

- ULC Members term ending
  - Angelos Barmpoutis (Current Chair)
  - Olivia Caillouet (student)
  - Richard Hill (faculty)
  - Eric Potsdam (faculty)
  - Paul Wassel (student)
- ULC Members term remaining
  - Josepha Cheong
  - Wendy Dahl
  - Jonathan Edelmann (Current Co-Chair)
  - Roger Maioli
  - Czerne Reid
  - Christine Voigt
- The ULC Chair gave a brief description of the responsibilities of the ULC Chair (see <http://fora.aa.ufl.edu/go/48>).
- A brief discussion was held regarding committee members volunteering to be the ULC chair and co-chair. Committee members voted in Josepha Cheong as chair and Jonathan Edelmann as continuing co-chair. Wendy Dahl agreed to assume one of these roles in the future, possibly.

## Review the content of the ULC website in FORA and FAQs in <http://senate.ufl.edu/about/>

- The main idea of this document is to assist newcomers, and the ULC Chair suggested that the new ULC chair share this information at the first fall meeting.
- The ULC Chair asked ULC members if they could review the responsibilities of the ULC committee and give feedback, and possible updates as needed, <http://fora.aa.ufl.edu/go/48>.

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- Comments/Questions: A ULC Committee member suggested it should read "Tenure & Promotion," not just "Tenure."

## Research & Scholarship/Infrastructure Council Meetings Update

- The ULC Chair didn't have anything to report from these meetings.
- The Dean of University Libraries has no infrastructure updates at this time. However, the movable shelving in Library West is beginning to have issues. If funding is received from the CFO as requested, the Dean of University Libraries will update the Infrastructure Council with that information.

## COVID-19 Discussion/Update

- The Campus Brief: <https://hr.ufl.edu/memoranda/campus-brief/>
- What does it mean to re-open the libraries for Summer B?
  - If social distancing is not required, all chairs and public computers will go back to the original pre-COVID layout.
  - No decision on group study rooms has been made at this time, as the library is still waiting for the airflow report.
  - If masks are still required, food will still be prohibited.
- Law Library Update:
  - Swipe access only will continue during the summer.
  - Open hours, but with some restrictions (TBD).
  - Looking into expanding the law student access back to 24/7 in the fall.

## UF Author Rights Policy Discussion

- Perry Collins presented to the Library Faculty Assembly (LFA); and will be presenting to the College of Nursing rounding out the end of these discussions regarding the Author Rights Policy scheduled for this semester. The goal at this point is to work on some of the nitty-gritty questions with the General Council Office, keeping the committee members in the loop. The document would go through Academic Affairs as well as the General Council making sure the policy complies. Perry would like to have this all completed by early summer, so when the ULC returns in the fall, it can be presented to Research & Scholarship Council and Faculty Senate in October/November.
- ULC members voted unanimously for the opt-out version of the policy.
- Comments/Questions: The Dean of University Libraries asked Perry to share what the Faculty Senate will be recommending and what that means for implementation. Perry answered that the ULC is asking the Faculty Senate to recommend a policy that will then be enacted as an Academic Affairs policy. The Dean of University Libraries gave thanks to the committee for all their hard work on this policy.

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## Dean's Report – Judith Russell

- Committee members should have received an invitation via email for the below zoom events:
  - 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Price Library of Judaica
  - Inaugural Michael Gannon Lecture with guest speaker Jon Meacham
- The Dean of University Libraries informed the members of ULC that she would continue to send out updates on grants, the budget, and anything else happening with the libraries during the summer semester.

## Additional Topics

- A ULC member gave praise to the Dean of University Libraries for her hard work at the libraries. Another ULC committee member agreed and wanted to thank the ULC Chair for his work with the committee. Additionally, a graduate student member also thanked the committee for allowing her to be involved. She updates the committee that she is serving as part of the Graduate Student Council this coming year, working on grant reviews. The Dean of University Libraries suggested that perhaps the student member could facilitate an opportunity for ULC to make a presentation to the Graduate Student Council about the Authors Rights Policy. The graduate student member will bring that to the council and share it with the new GSC President.

## Wrap-up/Topics Fall

- Fall Meetings
  - New and continuing ULC members will be polled to determine if they want to continue meeting via Zoom in the fall or prefer to have a few meetings in person.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.