

University Libraries Committee Minutes

January 25, 2022

3:00 pm – 4:55 pm

Members Present: Vandana Baweja, Riya Chakraborty, Josepha Cheong (chair), Perry Collins, Wendy Dahl, Roger Maioli, Christine Myers, Jane O'Connell, Czerne Reid, Judith Russell, Christine Voigt

Also Present: Lela Johnson (taking the minutes)

Members Absent: Katie Basinger-Ellis, Jonathan Edelmann (co-chair), Haven Hawley, Montunrayo O. Ogunrinbokun

The meeting commenced at 3:02 pm.

Minutes Approval

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

Research & Scholarship/Infrastructure Council Meeting Updates:

- The ULC Chair reported that most of the Research & Scholarship Council meeting was discussions regarding academic freedom and the investigation of possible data tampering at UF. The ULC Chair did present and inform the council that the University of Florida Author Rights Policy was being moved to the Faculty Senate for the final vote for implementation.
- A group from the University Library Services presented at a national meeting regarding the predatory publishing issues. The ULC Chair asked the council that if they would like her or Michelle Leonard to present again, they would be happy to do so. <https://guides.uflib.ufl.edu/predatorypublishing>

UF Author Rights Policy Discussion

- Perry Collins reports that the UF Author Rights Policy was approved by the Faculty Senate unanimously on January 20, 2022.
- The next step is for the policy to be run through the General Counsel's Office using the template provided to Perry.
- Perry asks the ULC members when the policy should begin? The ULC members agreed on April 1, 2022.
- The FAQ button will be moved to the top of the website, so it is easier to find. <https://digitalpartnerships.uflib.ufl.edu/scholarly-communications/uf-author-rights-policy/frequently-asked-questions/>. Perry asked the ULC members to please review the FAQ's page and let her know if anything is missing or if there is something else members would like to see added.
- Perry will be working on the marketing and promotion of this start date.
- Lela Johnson will work with Perry to get a list of all past ULC members who attributed to the policy's early conception.

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Experiential Learning Update

- Vandana Baweja shared a link for the ULC members to review that was provided by Val Minson: <https://uflib.ufl.edu/using-the-libraries/faculty-services/experiential-learning/>
- The ULC Sub-Committee will get together in the future to fine-tune the information found on the page. Vandana reported the ULC-Subcommittee would like to finalize this in the next few weeks, so any feedback is requested and appreciated.
- A ULC member asked if this page was live or just in draft mode? Vandana said the page is in the beta stage and not finalized-some links do not work at this time.
- A ULC member suggested adding one or two examples of each type of experience as well as having testimonials from students to show how this was useful to them. Vandana will ask Quest Faculty to provide examples.
- A ULC member also suggested having an image on the page such as a Special Collections on display, rare books on the table with students around, etc.

COVID Update

- Dean Russell reports that we will likely see some new guidance from UF soon regarding how UF responds to COVID in light of current news articles. At the last Deans' Council meeting Dean Russell attended, they informed them they would hear something in the next couple of weeks.
- D'Andra Mull continues to remind students regarding the expectation masks be worn in classrooms, library buildings, and other buildings on campus.
- There have been no reports of COVID spread in the libraries.
- ULC members briefly discussed about their experiences teaching students who do not wear masks.

Dean's Report – Judith Russell

- Dean Russell reached out to Curtis Reynolds and asked if he will utilize the report she presented at the last ULC meeting to ensure all the repairs to the Smathers Library envelope are identified and included in the Deferred Maintenance list as a single, consolidated line item.
- Joe Glover and Charlie Lane have agreed to revisit the need for the high-density storage facility at our location on 39th and Waldo in Gainesville Florida. The university spent 4-5 years seeking funding from the legislature that was never granted and funding has not been requested in recent years.
- The RCM Budget model is undergoing some changes/improvements. Dean Russell shared a slideshow regarding how the Library budget compared to peer and aspirational peer institutions. Dean Russell suggested that if the ULC would like to know more about this data, Brian Keith could be invited to one of the upcoming meetings.

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Law Library Update – Jane O'Connell

- Mask compliance is still not going very well; students are pretty good about wearing them in the classroom but not the library or other public spaces.
- The Law Library is open 8am-5pm, Monday through Friday to the public and the general UF community. Appointments with research needs for the evening and weekends can be made.
- The Law Library is currently working with Dean Russell to identify materials to be relocated offsite as renovations begin in Summer 2022.
- The Emerging Technology position will be posted in the Spring.

Additional Topics

- Acceptance of a presentation on predatory publishing for the American Psychiatric Association conference – Josepha Cheong
- University Curriculum Committee Recommendations – Vandana Baweja
 - Proposal needs to be forwarded to UCC
 - Next Steps:
 - ULC to forward to UCC so it can be added to the agenda.
 - Vandana has forwarded a draft to the ULC members; further discussion will happen via email to finalize the message being sent to the UCC Chair from the ULC Chair once approved.
- Harry Potter-Themed Special Event for Students – Dean Russell suggested that the library, with the help of ULC, could have a costume party on the afternoon of Halloween, which is Monday, October 31, 2022. The idea would be to gather in the Smathers Library Grand Reading room to award prizes for best costume and have some light snacks. It was also suggested that a Harry Potter movie could be playing in Smathers Room 100 simultaneously. Due to the possible popularity of such an event, Dean Russell suggested that Eventbrite be used so individuals would have to have a "reservation."
 - The ULC Chair suggested perhaps making it project-related. For example, having a faculty/student from their college work with a specialty librarian to put together specific books they consider essential references. It was suggested this is how an individual would get a ticket to the reception (costume party).
 - Dean Russell will report back at our next meeting with more information on this event.

Wrap-up/Topics for next meeting: February TBD

- Lela is working on scheduling a date in February.

The meeting adjourned at 4:28 pm.