

University Libraries Committee Minutes

February 18, 2022

1:55 pm – 3:50 pm

Members Present: Vandana Baweja, Riya Chakraborty, Perry Collins, Wendy Dahl, Jonathan Edelmann (acting chair/co-chair), Roger Maioli, Christine Myers, Jane O'Connell, Judith Russell

Also Present: Lela Johnson (taking the minutes); Val Minson (Assistant Dean of Assessment and Student Engagement and Chair of the Marston Science Library)

Members Absent: Katie Basinger-Ellis, Josepha Cheong (chair), Aven Hawley, Montunrayo O. Ogunrinbokun, Czerne Reid, Christine Voigt

The meeting commenced at 1:56 pm.

Minutes Approval

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

Research & Scholarship/Infrastructure Council Meeting Updates:

- There is nothing to update at this time; the Chair of ULC can send an email later with an update if needed.

UF Author Rights Policy Discussion

- Perry Collins updated the UF Author Rights Policy has been updated in the new formatting. She also has gotten feedback from Taylor Rose in the General Council's office. The policy is ready to go into the formal portal on Monday, February 21, 2022, with an effective date of April 1, 2022.
- She updated that the University of Florida has a Policy Hub (<https://uf.force.com/PolicyHub/s/>) with a template for new policies.
- One or two questions have come in through the UF Author Rights website, but it was a great chance to teach what opt-out looks like.

COVID Update

- The CDC may be updating the mask guidance in the coming weeks.
- Dean Russell spoke with Dr. Michael Lauzardo regarding UF's mask mandates, and there is no indication there will be a change in the Spring semester absent of the CDC's mandate/update.
- If the University removes the recommendation of wearing a mask, Dean Russell still encourages individuals to wear a mask to protect themselves and others.
- A ULC member updates that when she was in the library the other day, she heard the PA announcement encouraging students to wear masks, and she only saw a few students without a mask. Out of 30 students in her class, she only has five that refuse to wear a mask.

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Dean's Report – Judith Russell

- Students have been advocating for the 24 hour access to the libraries to resume. However, due to funding, there is no current plan to re-open with 24-hour access.
- A ULC member asked what time the library typically closes on a non-reading day? Dean Russell answered that Marston Science Library & Library West close at 2am on Sunday through Thursday night and 10pm on Friday and Saturday evenings. On reading and exam weeks, both buildings remain open until 3am.
- UF Libraries will receive \$1.6 million to upgrade and replace parts on the compact shelving in Library West.

Law Library Update – Jane O'Connell

- 24 access has continued.
- Continue work with Dean Russell to relocate the Australian and Canadian Provincial and Territorial Reports off-site for the renovations happening in Summer 2022.
- Dean of the Law School has approved hiring three professional positions in the Spring.

Additional Topics

- University Curriculum Committee Recommendation Discussion
Option A (when you have one liaison librarian):

Each department/field/discipline/sub-discipline [faculty choose appropriate terminology] has a designated librarian to support your research needs. [Insert name] is our liaison librarian for [insert department name]. You are welcome to reach out and schedule an appointment <email address>. Here is a link to the library's subject guide to [insert subject or course guide name]: [insert link]

(Instructor, use this link to identify relevant specialists and guides):
<https://uflib.ufl.edu/find/research/>

Option B (course is interdisciplinary):

Each department/field/discipline/sub-discipline [faculty choose appropriate terminology] has a designated librarian to support your research needs. To contact your subject specialist: <https://uflib.ufl.edu/specialists/>

Once approved; the ULC Chair will forward to the UCC Chair

- Lela Johnson will send out a poll to reschedule the April ULC meeting. The dates suggested were April 20 and 21, 2022.

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Wrap-up/Topics for next meeting: March 18, 2022

- Judith Russell – What is our next initiative?
- Harry Potter Event Discussion, Halloween Day (create a sub-committee) & other event suggestions.
- Hosting activities for faculty serving on the editorial boards of journals.
- Elsevier Focus Groups discussion on open access publishing survey results, Judy to reach out to the team regarding attending our March meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:49 pm.