

University Libraries Committee Minutes

March 18, 2022

12:50 pm – 2:45 pm

Members Present: Vandana Baweja, Riya Chakraborty, Josepha Cheong (Chair), Perry Collins, Haven Hawley, Wendy Dahl, Jonathan Edelmann (acting chair/co-chair), Jane O'Connell, Czerne Reid, Judith Russell

Also Present: Lela Johnson (taking the minutes), Amanda Phalin

Members Absent: Katie Basinger-Ellis, Roger Maioli, Christine Myers, Montunrayo O. Ogunrinbokun, Christine Voigt

The meeting commenced at 12:52 pm.

Minutes Approval

- The motion to approve February minutes at the April meeting 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.

COVID Update

- New mask guidance has come out of the CDC. UF has sent out new signage that says "Mask's Welcome" to be posted on campus.
- The Chair of the ULC updated that varying reports from the CDC have been coming out. Upcoming surges in Asia and Europe mean it's on the way to the US, so UF has to be flexible and change at a moment's notice. She urges us not to throw away our masks just yet.

Dean's Report – Judith Russell

- Upcoming events ULC members are invited to:
 - "The Cubans Ordinary Lives in Extraordinary Times" Author Speaking Event with Anthony DePalma, March 28th, 3pm-4:30pm, Smathers Room 100
 - Nelson Initiative on Ethics and Leadership, April 1st, all-day event, Orlando Florida
 - Library Leadership Board Meeting, April 15th, 1pm-3:30pm, Library Conference Room 250
 - Library Leadership Board Social, April 15th, 5p, Dean Russell's Home
 - "Sing and Sing" in Celebration of Mike Gannon and his Life and Works, April 9th, 6pm-9pm, Smathers Library Grand Reading Room
 - "I wanna tell ya..." About the Bob Hope Exhibition Opening Event, April 20th, 2pm-3:30pm, Smathers Library Grand Reading Room ([registration](#))

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Law Library Update – Jane O'Connell

- Continued work to relocate the Australian and Canadian Provincial and Territorial Reports off-site for the renovations happening in Summer 2022.
- Hiring three professional positions in the Spring.
- Melon Foundation/Grant to the University of North Carolina allowed 2-3 sub-grants to do some of the text and data mining. Borui Zhang is leading the project at Smathers and has worked with the Law Library to ensure online access to historic Florida session laws. LLMC Digital will be digitizing some volumes.

Additional Topics

- What is the ULC's next initiative?
- Sub-Committee for Harry Potter Event & other events. The ULC chair will reach out via email to ULC members to get this sub-committee started.
- Activities/Reception for faculty serving on editorial boards of journals discussion.
- A ULC member asked why the library doesn't have any fiction audiobooks? Judy Russell reported that the library does have some audio/streaming books, but in general, the library doesn't have titles such as most recreational reading that can be found at a public library.

Wrap-up/Topics for next meeting: Fall 2022

- Voting for new Chair/Co-Chair of ULC

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.