

University Libraries Committee Minutes

April 22, 2022

3:00 pm – 4:55 pm

Members Present: Vandana Baweja, Riya Chakraborty, Josepha Cheong (Chair), Perry Collins, Haven Hawley, Wendy Dahl, Judith Russell

Also Present: Lela Johnson (taking the minutes), Suzanne Stapleton, Erin Gallagher, Laura Spears, Emily Fahey, Chandler Sandy

Members Absent: Katie Basinger-Ellis, Jonathan Edelmann (Acting Chair/Co-Chair), Roger Maioli, Christine Myers, Jane O'Connell, Montunrayo O. Ogunrinbokun, Czerne Reid, Christine Voigt

The meeting commenced at 3:04 pm.

Minutes Approval

- February and March minutes were not approved due to a quorum not being met for voting.

Elsevier Gold Open Access Pilot Project – Presentation by Suzanne Stapleton

- Open Access is a type of scholarly publishing whereby the published materials are free to read with clearly explained copyright and licensing permissions for reuse.
- The OA Task Force is part of a larger group launched in March 2021. This task force supports core initiatives related to Open Access scholarship, focusing on areas where the Libraries play a direct role in facilitating OA publishing by UF authors. <https://committees.uflib.ufl.edu/committees/open-access-task-force/>
- Current priorities of the OA Task Force:
 - Transformative Publishers Agreements (including Read & Publish)
 - Elsevier Gold OA Access Pilot
 - UF Author Rights Policy, led by Perry Collins
 - Evaluating OA Publishing Trends at UF
 - Outreach to UF Community
- Open Access LibGuide: <https://guides.uflib.ufl.edu/openaccess> (maintained by Erin Gallagher)
- The Elsevier Gold OA Access Pilot: <https://elsevier.com/open-access/agreements>
 - Agreement signed April 2020; extended December 2022
 - UF is one of 8 higher education institutions in the US to participate in pilot OA agreements with Elsevier; each one is different.
 - APC discount (up to 15%) offered to UF authors for articles submitted through December 31, 2022. Corresponding authors must be UF affiliates publishing in eligible Elsevier journals, whether OA or Hybrid.
 - Authors have the option until January 31 of the year following publication to elect to use these discounts.
 - Purpose of the Pilot:
 - This is a "test and learn" environment
 - Assess authors workflow progress

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- Evaluate OA initiatives across campus
- Better understand and support OA scholarship at UF
- Questions/Comments:
 - There is no additional cost to the Libraries to have the APC discounts for the authors.
 - This is just an information item at this time.
 - We should discuss the Open Access Publishing Fund being reinstated at some point if it can be done without funding by or out of the library budget.
- Links Provided in chat during presentation/discussion:
 - [Open Access: Overview](#)
 - [Open Access: UF Invests in OA: Memberships & Discounts](#)
 - [The Directory of Open Access Journals](#)
 - [UF Featured on Open Access Week/Twitter](#) & [also here](#)
 - [Royal Society Tweet](#)
 - [Precedents for uniting OA publishing with tenure & promotion, example from IUPUI](#)
- A summary of the focus group will be shared with all ULC members via email.

Integrating Library Visits into Coursework

- The ULC Chair successfully submitted a proposal to Dr. Lindner, the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Affairs and the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) Committee Chair. The proposal is moving through UCC, which is a long process, but there will likely be additional information beginning Fall or Spring 2023. Vandana Baweja will report when she knows more.

Research & Scholarship/Infrastructure Council Meeting Updates:

- The ULC Chair reported that nothing out of ULC was discussed at the last and final meeting for the semester, which was attended by the ULC Cco-Chair Jonathan Edelmann.

COVID Update

- The Libraries continue to maintain signage stating "Mask's Welcome."
- UF will continue on campus COVID testing through June 30; no news on what will happen on July 1.
- COVID precautions continue in the Libraries, such as keeping the plexiglass in place, asking employees working at the desk to be masked to set an example, and giving them that extra layer of protection.

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Dean's Report – Judith Russell

- At the Library Leadership Board Meeting on April 15th the below bullet points were shared:
- Smathers Libraries FY 22-23 Budget Request. Short Description/Recurring Amount:
 - Convert Ongoing Non-Recurring Materials Funding to the Appropriated Funds Budget-\$1,839,000
 - TEAMS Position: Electronic Records Specialist-\$77,460
 - Faculty Position: User Experience Librarian-\$85,904
- As always, our largest request and highest priority relates to the materials budget. Specifically, asking the University to convert the annual non-recurring funds to recurring materials funding in the library base budget.
- For FY 21-22, the library received \$1.839 million in non-recurring funds to maintain the library collections.
- Regrettably, this is not a long-term solution. The library needs a budgeting process that addresses the annual price increases. Doing this would not only match the reality of how materials cost for academic research libraries increase annually but also avoid building up large commitments funded from non-recurring funds addressed episodically, like the \$1.839 million received this year.
- Besides the materials budget request, the Libraries are also requesting two new positions with broad, university-wide impacts.
- Other than the Artificial Intelligence position which was received recently, the Libraries have not received funding for any new faculty or staff positions since 2012, when approved for funding to hire the University Archivist position.
- The Libraries continually adjust priorities to reallocate funding for salaries and benefits to meet the greatest needs. Still, the absence of funding for critical new positions, like those proposed above, has delayed or deferred much-needed positions for many years.

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- Libraries Renovations
 - Marston Science Library 4th & 5th floors, which will complete the renovations of the MSL.
 - Smathers Library external ground floor windows on the west side will be replaced in 2025, This project should be completed by the end of this calendar year.
- Libraries Fundraising Campaigns
 - 75th Anniversary of the Latin American & Caribbean Collection
 - Campaign goal – raise \$75,000 by December 2023
 - Promote at the Gator Guayabera Guateque in Miami on June 4, 2022
 - \$15,000 match from an anonymous donor
 - Centennial Celebration of Smathers Library Building
 - Overall Campaign Goal - \$1 Million by December 2025
 - Created Smathers Centennial Endowment in December 2021 (Goal of \$250,000 by December 2025)
 - \$20,000 match per year for 3 years from Library Leadership Board
- Honorary Recognitions
 - Kenneth Treister, Distinguished Alumnus Award
 - Three new plaques will be displayed in Smathers Library Room 100, honoring past Library Directors including Dale Canelas (Director 1985-2007).,
- Library Events (past & future)
 - Nelson Initiative Orlando Event, Featuring Astronauts from Space Shuttle Columbia, was on April 1
 - "Swing and Sing" in Celebration of Mike Gannon and his life and works was on April 9 and raised over \$35,000 for the lecture fund.
 - Bob Hope Exhibition Opening, April 20, 2022
 - Michael Gannon Lecture – Fall 2022
 - Harry Potter Event in the Grand Reading Room – Fall 2022
- Smathers Libraries Grants (previously emailed)
 - Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
 - \$2 million award for Revitalizing the Digital Library of the Caribbean (dLOC)
 - The largest single grant awarded to the Libraries and the largest Mellon Foundation award to UF.
 - National Endowment for the Humanities
 - \$1.45 million award for the US Caribbean & Ethnic Florida Digital Newspaper Project which began in 2013 and has digitized and provided access to more than 400,000 pages of historical newspapers. These newspapers were published in Florida, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands from 1836 to 1963.

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Additional Topics

- Chair/Co-Chair for Fall 2022 Discussion (nomination/voting)
<https://fora.aa.ufl.edu/facultysenate/Committees/University-Libraries-Committee>
 - Katie Basinger-Ellis (2024)
 - Vandana Baweja (2024)
 - Josepha Cheong (2023) – (Current Chair)
 - Wendy Dahl (2023)
 - Jonathan Edelman (2022) – last meeting (Current Co-Chair)
 - Roger Maioli (2022) – last meeting
 - Christine Myers (2024)
 - Czerne Reid (2023)
 - Christine Voigt (2022) – last meeting

A quorum was not met; at this time, no members have nominated a chair or co-chair for the Fall 2022 semester. Lela Johnson will set a meeting for members on May 2, 2022, from 9:30 am – to 10:30am to approve the February 18, 2022, and March 18, 2022 minutes and vote for a new ULC chair and co-chair.

- ULC Halloween Costume Party Discussion with Libraries Development Team (Chandler Sandy & Emily Fahey)
 - The event will be the week of Halloween, if not on Halloween itself, Monday, October 31, 2022
 - Suggestions noted for the event:
 - Consult with some of the public services people or one of the curators to help understand the flow of students.
 - Each college could create a team or competition where students can compete for a ticket to the event. This will depend on how much space in the Grand Reading Room is allowable.
 - Exhibit cases could be used in Smathers Room 100 to highlight some of those themes. Haven Hawley will check the schedule.
 - Harry Potter movies will play throughout the day in Smathers Libraries Room 100 or the Plaza of Americas on the lawn.
 - Come up with ideas to shift the focus on any controversy with the author of the Harry Potter series, JK Rowling.
 - A costume contest.
 - Each college creates a Patronus (mascot).
 - A sub-committee will be formed at our next meeting to plan this event.

Wrap-up/Topics for next meeting: Fall 2022

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.