

University Libraries Committee Minutes

February 16, 2024

10:40am–12:35pm

Members Present: Lauren Adkins, Fatima Akinola, Vandana Baweja (Chair), Emma Carter, Stephanie Leon, Christine Myers (Vice Chair), Anand Paul, Jennifer Rea, Morgan Rich, Judith Russell, Simranpreet Sidhu, Elizabeth Stokes

Also Present: Hallie Mills (taking the minutes)

Members Absent: David Blackburn, Lynne Clark, Sara Moscovita Falzarano, Jane O'Connell

The meeting commenced at 10:40 am.

Minutes Approval (January)

- The minutes for January were approved.

Research & Scholarship/Infrastructure Council Meetings Update

- There are no updates from the Infrastructure Council meeting that are relevant to the ULC.
- There will be two Research & Scholarship Council meeting updates at the next ULC meeting.

Dean's Report – Judith Russell

- The university is pursuing a Radical Practicality Initiative, which is focused on optimizing the university's resources to best deliver on academics, research, public service, and other critical elements of the university's mission. This is a multi-phase university-wide initiative in which the Smathers Libraries will be participating. The Libraries have been selected as a pilot unit for the initial phase. There will be four academic, three administrative, and three auxiliary units that participate, and they expect to complete it during the spring semester. Huron will lead this work.
- The Smathers Libraries already complete monthly budget reports that break down our available resources and expenditures. Dean Russell shared an example library monthly budget report, which may include the information the Radical Practicality Initiative will be looking for, though it may not be as detailed as they will require.
- The Libraries will get more information about this initiative at the upcoming planning meeting. Dean Russell will keep the ULC updated and communicate any opportunities for them to provide input.

Additional Topics

- The names of faculty who are out of unit and going up for post-tenure review (PTR) were released. The Smathers Libraries will not have anyone going up for PTR this year. The deans must have their reports back to the provost by April 1, so many colleges are planning to have a committee to assist with reviewing the PTR documentation and

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making recommendations. Since the Libraries do not have anyone going up for PTR at this time, we have not formed a PTR committee.

Wrap-up/Topics for March 27, 2024

- Dean Russell plans to host another dinner for the ULC at her home this spring. Executive Assistant Misty Colson will reach out to the ULC to get their availability soon.
- The chair/vice chair election will be an agenda item for the April 24, 2024, meeting. ULC members are encouraged to submit their nominations.

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 am.