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**University Library Committee (ULC)**

**Minutes**

**October 12, 2020**

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**Attendees:** David Condon, Bettina Cornwell, Alexandre Dossin, Beth Harn, Shelley Harshe, Anne Laskaya, Shane McGovern, Raghuveer Parthasarathy, Mike Peixoto, George Sheridan, Erin Stoddart, Mark Watson

**Welcome and Logistics** (Mark Watson, Interim Dean of Libraries)

- Welcome new and returning members of the ULC.
- The committee meets twice per term, for a total of six meetings per academic year.
- Thank you to Alexandre Dossin for agreeing to serve as committee chair this year.

**Introductions of Committee Members** (Alexandre Dossin, ULC Chair, 2020/2021)

- Committee member introduced themselves.

**Report from the Senate Sub-Committee on Open Access** (David Condon, SSOA Chair, 2019/2021)

- Sub-Committee on Open Access (SSOA) charge, members, white paper, and executive summary: <https://openaccess.uoregon.edu/>.
- The group was formed in December 2019 and is under the auspices of the ULC.
- Last year, the aims of SSOA were to investigate the state of open access (OA) trends and practices, evaluate role of OA in research practices and dissemination at UO, examine nature of the University Libraries' relationship with publishers, and suggest options for local action.
- The key motivator is to renegotiate with publishers.
- The University Senate president extended SSOA's charge to this academic year, with the aim of developing an open access policy for campus.

**Review 2019/2020** (Alexandre)

- **ULC Charge:** The Library Committee shall be responsible for advising the University Administration on library affairs, serving in an advisory capacity to the University Library administration, acting as a liaison between the Library and faculty, and providing a faculty perspective on Library budgetary matters.
- **ULC 2019/2020 Annual Report**
  - Available in [Scholar's Bank](#).
- **ULC budget letter**
  - Last year's ULC wrote a letter of support for UO Career Faculty Librarians.



**Previewing 2020/21 (Mark)**

- Vice Provost and University Librarian (VPUL) search status:
  - The title for the Dean of Libraries is being changed to VPUL; this reflects the reality that the libraries supports the academic mission.
  - The search was put on pause in March due to COVID-19.
  - The hope was to resume the search once on-campus interviews could resume, but the decision has been made to resume the process virtually.
  - The search firm Witt Kieffer is checking in with candidates and the Provost has asked the firm to double-down on diversity efforts.
  - The hope is to hold interviews and have a conclusion by the end of fall, with the new VPUL in place no later than June.
- During this year's ULC meetings, Mark will bring in-depth snapshots of the libraries' role and operations so the committee may better understand how the libraries is funded and operates.

**Meeting Schedule (Shelley)**

- Second fall meeting is Friday, November 13, 2020, 2:00-3:00 pm.
- Please send winter teaching schedules to Shelley by November 6.