

## University Library Committee (ULC), Annual Report 2020–2021

### Committee Members:

- David Condon, Psychology
- Bettina Cornwell, Lundquist College of Business
- Alexandre Dossin, School of Music and Dance
- Beth Harn, Education and Clinical Sciences
- Shelley Harshe, Administrative Operations Manager, Libraries (ex officio)
- Anne Laskaya, English
- Shane McGovern, College of Education
- Raghuvveer Parthasarathy, Physics
- Mike Peixoto, Economics
- George Sheridan, History
- Erin Stoddart, Libraries
- Mark Watson, Interim Dean of Libraries (ex officio)

### Overview:

The University Library Committee (ULC) held six meetings this academic year. The following is a summary of the issues addressed during the ULC meetings. A more detailed account can be found on the [UO Scholars' Bank](#).

*October 12:* During this first meeting of the year, the ULC decided to use the meetings for in-depth snapshots of the libraries' role and operations to better understand how the libraries are funded and operate. David Condon, the ULC Senate Sub-Committee on Open Access (SSOA) Chair, discussed the group's ongoing charge. In 2019-2020, SSOA was charged by the Provost and the University Senate to undertake an investigation into the state of open access trends and practices, and the role they play in the process of research and the dissemination of scholarly resources at the University of Oregon. The University Senate president extended SSOA's charge to 2020-2021 with the aim of developing an open access policy for campus.

*November 13:* Susan Breakenridge, Ann Miller, and Mark Watson—members of the Library Administration Team—gave an overview of the libraries FY2020 budget. The SSOA Chair gave a report on the committee's progress regarding the open access policy.

*January 15:* Rick Stoddart, Library Assessment and Strategic Communication Coordinator, presented an assessment data snapshot on library student success and interactive learning environments. The SSOA Chair led a discussion to identify possible issues in which the proposed open access policy might impede publishing or increase costs, to share back to the SSOA to address.

*February 19:* Rick Stoddart presented an assessment data snapshot on library collections. Franny Gaede, Miriam Rigby, and Mark Watson—members of SSOA—presented a first draft of the Open Access Policy.

*April 5:* David de Lorenzo, Director of Special Collections and University Archives (SCUA), provided an overview of SCUA's collections, physical space, and COVID challenges and successes. The SSOA Chair reported that the draft resolution for the open access policy was reviewed by the Provost Office and is under review by UO Senators.

*May 11:* Lori Robare, Interim Director for Cataloging, Metadata and Preservation Services, presented her sabbatical project on exploring the use of Wikidata for identify management beyond traditional authority tools, and provided an update on the work being done by the Libraries' Wikidata Working Group to promote library collections and faculty scholarship, with particular focus on metadata for underrepresented groups. The SSOA Chair announced that the committee is scheduled to present at the May 19 Senate meeting.