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**University Library Committee (ULC)**

**Minutes**

**May 11, 2021**

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**Attendees:** David Condon, Bettina Cornwell, Alexandre Dossin (ULC Chair, 2020/2021), Beth Harn, Shelley Harshe, Anne Laskaya, Shane McGovern, Mike Peixoto, Lori Robare (guest), George Sheridan, Erin Stoddart, Mark Watson

**Absent:** Raghuvveer Parthasarathy

**Welcome** (Alex Dossin)

**Approval of Minutes** (Alex)

- ULC members approved minutes from the April 5, 2021 meeting.

**Report from the Senate Sub-Committee on Open Access (SOA)** (David Condon)

- The working group continues to meet weekly; tomorrow the group will be presenting materials to the Senate Executive Committee, then to the full senate on May 19.
- Thank you for the input and support you have provided throughout the last few years.

**Exploring the Use of Wikidata to Promote Library Collections and Faculty Scholarship** (Lori Robare, Interim Director, Cataloging, Metadata & Preservation Services)

- Wikidata is structured data. Like Wikipedia, it is part of the Wikimedia Foundation suites of projects; is free, open, and collaborative; and anyone with an account can edit.
- Presentation on sabbatical project that explored the use of Wikidata for identity management, beyond traditional authority tools.
- The UO Libraries' Wikidata Working Group was started in May 2020 to explore the use of Wikidata to promote library collections and faculty scholarship, with a particular focus on metadata for underrepresented groups.
- Current projects of the working group include the Oregon Poetry Collection and Non-English-language newspapers published in Oregon; in the future, the working group would like to add faculty data in the future.

**ULC Discussion** (Group)

- Are there concerns about inaccurate information, vandalism, etc.? Yes, catalogers are used to having more control over data in closed systems, but Wikidata users can deprecate erroneous statements and correct them; there are also lots of editors and administrators reviewing information.

**Thanks to This Year's Committee Members**

- And a special thanks to those rotating off this year: David Condon, Bettina Cornwell, Alexandre Dossin, Beth Harn, Mike Peixoto, and George Sheridan.