UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

**University Library Committee
Minutes
January 6, 2020**

Attendees: Bettina Cornwell, Alex Dossin, Mike Peixoto, Margaret Sereno, Mark Watson (ex officio)
Staff: Abigail Erwin (ex officio)
Guests: Jonathan Cain, Gabriele Hayden, Rayne Vieger

<u>ULC Agenda</u>

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

2. **Interim Dean's Report (Mark)**
   - The UO Libraries hope to have two new hires in place by the end of the month (currently waiting on background checks).
   - During the interim period between leaders, Library Administration decided to create a single-year vision/plan to keep the organization moving forward. The process was wrapped up in December, and now groups are being charged with initiative implementation. All initiatives relate to the Libraries' five goals, and fit within four different initiative categories (high-level external, high-level internal, campus-level, and organizational enhancement).

   <u>Discussion:</u>
   - ULC members had questions about some of the Strategic Plan initiatives, including the Libraries' Data Carpentry initiative. The UO Libraries is a member of the Data Carpentry program, which develops and teaches workshops on the fundamental data skills needed to conduct research. The Libraries currently have three certified trainers and hope to train six more in order to offer more nuanced sessions across campus. There are conversations about this can be used across campus, with the hope that there would eventually be a tie-in to curriculum.

3. **SSOA Update (Mark on behalf of David)**
   - SSOA will meet three times this term, and the SSOA working group will meet weekly.

4. **Data Services Presentation (Jonathan, Gabriele, Rayne)**
   <u>Background:</u> Members of the ULC expressed interest in hearing about the work of Data Services and DSS, including workshops and staistical consulting services. Jonathan Cain (Interim Director of Digital Strategies and Head of Data Services), Gabriele Hayden (Librarian for Resource Data Management and Reproducibility), and Rayne Vieger (eLearning and Open Educational Resource Librarian) gave a presentation on their work.

   Over the past two years, Digital Scholarship Services has taught nine unique workshops in digital humanities and developing open digital projects. These workshops average 16-20 participants

(mostly faculty who want to incorporate digital humanities into their classroom, or advance digital research projects). Additionally, there have been Open Educational Resources (OER) workshops to raise awareness of student affordability in Higher Education, and teach how to search for no- and low-cost options. These workshops contributed to a series of three, high-cost calculus courses piloting OER with the goal of converting all of their sections by Fall 2020.

The UO Libraries now offers Statistical Consultations and Support Services (SCSS) for UO students. SCSS is a co-sponsored, one-year pilot program. This is a drop-in consulting service and workshop program, staffed by a half-time classified staff position, two part-time graduate students, two NTTF librarians, and a data services GE. The student employees only support other students, but statistical consultant Cameron Mulder is available to meet with faculty on their projects.

5. **Next Meeting**
   The next ULC meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 7 at 11am in Knight Library 115H (Rowe Conference Room)