# University Library Committee (ULC) 2013-14 Annual Report

**Members of the 2013-14 ULC** (There was not a Chair assignment this year.)
- Michal Young, CIS (term ends June 2014)
- David Wacks, Romance Languages (term ends June 2014)
- Lori Kruckenberg, Music & Dance (term ends June 2014)
- Denise Gigliotti, East Asian Languages
- Tim Jenkins, Physics
- Amy Lobben, Geography
- Debra Merskin Journalism & Communication
- Jeff Ostler, History
- Gordon Sayre, English
- Christopher Sinclair, Mathematics
- Jimmy Murray, UO Libraries
- Ex Officio
  Deb Carver, UO Libraries (through May 1, 2014)

**Summary of Year's Activities**
The University Library Committee held three meetings during the 2013/14 academic year: October 25, February 20, and May 20.  The ULC web pages are in the process of migrating to Scholars' Bank and will be accessible by Fall Term 2014.

The key points presented and discussed this academic year included:

Dean of Libraries Retirement
Deb Carver announced her retirement plans at the ULCs first meeting – effective March 31, 2014. She continued her appointment through April 30.  The ULC played an active role in the interview process.  Three candidates were interviewed early April.  Adriene Lim, Dean, University Libraries, Oakland University, was selected and will begin her appointment as UO Dean of Libraries on July 28, 2014.  Andrew Bonamici and Mark Watson will serve as Co-interim Dean of Libraries until her arrival.

Implementation of a new library information system
Orbis Cascade Alliance is implementing a new library information system to be shared by all 37 members of the consortium.  Ex Libris was selected as the vendor for the new Shared Integrated Library System (Shared ILS).  This has been a very enormous project for the library. It is expected to go live mid-late June 2014.  This new system will feature a new discovery interface similar in functionality and appearance to WorldCat. The UO Local Catalog will no longer exist. Because of the new Shared ILS, the library will also be making some changes to the circulation loan policies.

Program Review Update
The library went through a Program Review spring 2013, a process in which the ULC played an active role.  The external reviewer's final report and recommendations have been received.  The report emphasizes the opportunities for repurposing physical space to meet campus needs and the need for additional funding.  Unlike the majority of research libraries, the UO Libraries oversees the Learning Management System (Blackboard) and classroom technology.

Library Management System (LMS) Updates
The ULC received updates throughout the year on the progress being made by the Learning Management System task force.  Five platforms were tested winter and spring terms:

- Blackboard
- Oba by UO
- Desire2Learn
- Canvas by Instructure
- Sakai by Longsight

The task force hopes to submit its recommendation to the Provost by the end of June 2014, to be followed by a review for technical sufficiency.  For up-to-date information on the LMS process, visit their website - here.

Storage Facility and Collaboration with Undergraduate Studies
The library is in early discussions of potentially securing an off-site storage facility for materials that are rarely used.  This would create more space to be repurposed for campus needs, one which is the possible relocation of Undergraduate Studies departments, such as Peer Advising and Supplemental Instruction, to the Knight Library – creating an academic commons.  The ULC will be active in these discussions as the project moves forward.  It is important for campus departments to work together to ensure that the space meets the needs of all their undergraduate students.

FY15 Library Budget
The ULC was given a brief overview of FY15 budget requests.  The 'as is' requests included collections inflation, Blackboard contract inflation, and contractual labor costs (only the labor costs were approved).  The 'new initiatives' requests consisted of LMS implementation, Academic Commons, and User Experience Team to provide user testing services to help campus units identify and address website usability issues. The LMS and Academic Commons (Phase 1) requests have been approved.

Faculty Study Use for Emeriti
Requests have been made to the library to allow Emeriti to have access to faculty studies.  The ULC agreed that they should have access to these rooms as many still conduct research in the library.  The proposal will be presented to the Deans.

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Submitted May 30, 2014 by Mark Watson, Co-interim Dean of Libraries, as the ULC did not have an official Chair this year.