

University of Oregon Libraries
University Library Committee (ULC)
Fall Meeting, 2015–2016 Academic Year
Monday, October 26, 2015
Time 10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
Collaboration Center, 122 Knight Library

MEETING MINUTES

- Present:** Zena Ariola (Computer and Information Science), Jack Boss (Music and Dance), John Fenn (AAA), Mark Horney (Center for Advanced Technology in Education), Doris Payne (Linguistics), Nicholas Proudfoot (Mathematics), Adriene Lim (Dean of Libraries)
- Guests:** Sara Brownmiller, Nancy Slight-Gibney, Shane Turner
- Absent:** Chloe Bosnar (Student representative), Richard Chartoff (Chemistry)

Welcome and Introduction

Review of Charge and Selection of Committee Chair

- Selection of ULC Chair
 - Mark Horney has agreed to be the ULC’s representative for the Academic Council, per an earlier exchange via email, so Adriene proposed that Mark also serve as ULC’s Chair.
 - ULC members agreed to the proposal and Mark accepted the role of Chair.
- Group reviewed ULC Charge.
 - Concern was raised that this year’s membership does not meet the committee’s stated charge: The ULC currently only has 7 faculty, 1 student representative, and no classified staff member.
 - The University Senate is responsible for committee membership selection, not the Libraries, but the Libraries agreed to check with the Executive Coordinator of the University Senate on the status of ULC membership.

Dean’s Report

Adriene Lim, Dean of Libraries

- UO Libraries’ Strategic Planning
 - The Dean gave members an overview of the current strategy map and goals to date; strategic planning is an ongoing process.
 - During future ULC meetings, individual objectives will be reviewed for members’ comments and feedback.
- Improvement of physical spaces
 - Classroom 267B has been improved; current upgrade to Edmiston classroom to make it a more collaborative computer lab; 4th floor Sky Studio, a remodeled space for students to receive TLC tutoring and to have additional study space
- De-accessioning of reference collection and print journals for Business and Economics
 - Unlike most research libraries, the UO Libraries has no storage facility, making it difficult to grow collections indefinitely. The Libraries understand the value of print

versions and of browsing the shelves, but there are space limitations; that is the dilemma.

- Libraries worked with business and economics departments to de-accession selected titles that had digital surrogates and/or were no longer deemed relevant.
- Strategic marketing
 - A push for more marketing and promotion of the Libraries' resources and services, so that the UO community knows what the library has to offer and to maximize use.
 - A member noted a trend over the last couple of years that faculty want to get away from teaching students to use library resources and to focus instead on specialized research.
- Working groups for graduate and undergraduate instruction
 - The Libraries has recognized the need to focus on graduate and undergraduate instruction, and has created coordinators to focus on these.
 - A LibQual Survey, an assessment survey for libraries, is conducted every several years, and a focus group with graduate students was held a few years ago. The survey provides longitudinal data and benchmarks against peers. In the survey, undergraduates wanted more group and individual study space; faculty and graduate students want more resources, such as journals.
 - Members suggested that the Libraries meet with individual disciplines. Most Subject Specialists already reach out to individual disciplines, but instruction outreach has been included in the strategic plan to review what is currently happening and how to make improvements.
- UO Campaign
 - The Libraries' campaign goal was set at \$36 million.
 - The Libraries is doing well in fundraising and is close to meeting its goal.
 - Donations have included \$2.5 million from an alumnus, and a \$1 million endowed directorship for Special Collections and University Archives.
 - Phase two of the renovation of the Price Science Commons is now completed and opened on September 28, but fundraising for the project continues.
- Acquisition of the James Blue collections, an award-winning director, in Special Collections.
- New research guides on the Libraries' website, and a user-initiated room reservation system with room availability on displays throughout the Knight library.
- CMET and Canvas migration project summarized.

Library Budget Briefing

Nancy Slight-Gibney, Assistant Dean

- Preliminary expendable funds for FY2016 = \$27,731,887
- The Libraries hires over 300 student workers every year.
- Strategic budget request for collections
 - Funding collections remains an issue.
 - 30% of the overall general budget goes to collections and access to electronic resources.
 - Five year expenditure trend: trend toward electronic and away from print, overall increase of about 16% for collections and access over 5 years.
 - UO Libraries is below the median Association of Research Libraries and Public AAU universities in terms of collections and access expenditures.
- Gift and endowment funds: Opportunity for special projects like digitization; five positions are partially funded by endowments.
- The national trend is a smaller percentage of university budgets going to libraries.

Topics to address in upcoming meetings? Committee members' perspectives

- Scholarly communication issues
- Collections issues
- Information Technology Strategic Plan
- Digital Humanities and Digital Scholarship Center
- Archiving of research materials or products
 - Data collected by graduate students and faculty for grant proposals
 - Scholar's Bank—how does it work?
 - Issue of confidentiality versus granting institutions' push for shared data.
 - What is the Libraries' role and how does it relate to our mission?
 - The question of storage space for researchers—who covers the cost?

Next meeting: Monday, November 23, 2015 - 10:00-11:30 am - KL Collaboration Center