

University of Oregon Libraries
University Library Committee (ULC)
Fall Meeting, 2016–2017 Academic Year
Thursday, November 17, 2016
Time 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Rowe Conference Room, 115H Knight Library

AGENDA

Attendance: Zena Ariola, Helen Chu, Chris Eckerman, John Fenn, Michael Koscho, Adriene Lim, Jimmy Murray, Doris Payne, Nicholas Proudfoot, Suzanne Rowe, Nancy Slight-Gibney, Mark Watson, Larry Wayte

Absent: Roberta Mann

Appointment of ULC Chair

- Call for volunteers: Nicholas Proudfoot agreed to chair the committee.

Review of last year's actions and issues addressed

- [ULC Annual Report 2015-2016](#)
- Overview of last year's budget:
 - 2% budget cut of general funds, resulting in loss of three positions
 - Collections
 - Library Dean and faculty advocacy (from the humanities collectively and sciences individually) resulted in the restoration of the original 2% cut of collections budget; however, the Libraries did not receive an increase to offset inflation
 - Re-evaluation of allocation formula
- Impact of cluster hires
- Library advocating for research and teaching support for all disciplines
- Space is at a crisis
 - Deaccessioning
 - Knight Library is at 85% capacity
 - Special Collections and University Archives- there is no space for new collections
 - Case statement for facilities: top priority is physical storage; off-campus storage with climate control
 - Reduction of collections threatens our status as a *research* library
- E-resources
 - About 85% of acquisitions budget goes to e-resources
 - Library is developing a survey on faculty perspective regarding e-resources
 - Suggestion: survey graduate students as the next generation
 - UO Libraries is joining the [HathiTrust](#)

- IT Reorganization
 - UO Libraries handles much of the academic technology on campus; technology is an integral part of the support we provide to faculty and students
 - Reorganization consultant's recommendation: the libraries should be recognized as the academic technology leader on campus
- Questions
 - Are there AAU standards for determining status as a research library?
 - Unfortunately, no.
 - The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) has a ranking index. UO has been grandfathered but, if we applied today for membership, we might not be approved because we are at the bottom of the list now.
- The renovated [Price Science Commons](#) is now open with a new Visualization Lab and MakerSpace
- Fundraising
 - First academic unit to meet our campaign goal (\$36M)
 - Donors: love libraries and the fact that we serve all constituents; lot of smaller donations; alumni; many larger donors not necessarily always alums; funding often earmarked for what they're passionate about
 - Have not yet met specific goals for acquisitions, student employment
 - Fundraise for collections to offset budget cuts? Most funds raised are one-time gifts, so often not sustainable for ongoing collections budget
 - Difficult to sell the argument to donors to fund to offset budget cuts, but we do raise some funds for collections; it helps, but not sufficient

Possible topics to discuss this year

- Allocation formula for collections
- Budget reductions again?
- Diversity and Inclusion: [Open letter to the community](#)
 - Suggestion: form coalition with local libraries; focus exhibits on these topics
- Dean and Chair to discuss topics/agenda items

Note: ULC minutes are posted to the UO Scholar's Bank (<https://scholarsbank.uoregon.edu/xmlui/handle/1794/18162>)