

University of Oregon Libraries
University Library Committee (ULC)
Winter Meeting, 2017–2018 Academic Year
Friday, February 16, 2018
8:45 a.m.–9:45 a.m.
Allan Price Science Commons and Research Library (PSC)

AGENDA

Attendance: Sarah Brownmiller, Helen Chu, Chris Eckerman, Shelley Harshe, Adriene Lim, Courtney Munther, Michael Najjar, Chuck Theobald, Dean Walton, Mark Watson, Annie Zeidman-Karpinski

Absent: Blair Barnes, Juanita Devereaux, John Bellamy Foster, Michael Koscho, Suzanne Rowe, Larry Wayte

Strategic Investment Proposal for 2018-2019 (Adriene)

- As part of the University’s strategic investment process, the Libraries submitted a proposal for \$383,907 in new, recurring funding for FY2019 to cover the cost of inflation (approx. 5-7% annually) related to the scholarly information needs of faculty, students, staff, and community
- Since buying power is decreased without funding to off-set inflation, if the Libraries’ does not receive such funding, collections will have to be cut yet again
- The former “as-is” process, which took inflation into consideration—was discontinued by the university, so currently there is no way to request adjustments for inflation other than the strategic investment process.
- The Libraries’ has collection endowments and has moved some recurring database subscriptions to gift funds rather than general funds; however, the income on these endowments fluctuates from year to year, so this is a relatively unreliable and currently insufficient way to fund these subscriptions
- The NWCCU accreditation report seven years ago noted the university needed to improve its investments in library information resources; we are now in year one of a new accreditation cycle.
- NWCCU accreditation standards can be found here, with library-related areas explicitly mentioned in 2.A.13, 2.C.6, and 2.E:
<http://www.nwccu.org/accreditation/standards-policies/standards/>
- The University’s Budget Advisory Group (BAG) vets the strategic investment proposals; FY19 decisions are pending
- A ULS member asked a question regarding the BAG’s decisions and if they are posted: The [Office of the VP for Finance and Administration’s Committees and Working Groups’ web page](#) provides a link for the [Budget Advisory Group](#), which currently announces the funded proposals from FY17; there was no strategic investment process for FY18.

Visualization Lab (VizLab) Demo (Dean)

- The [PSC VizLab](#) has the highest resolution screen in the state, which enhances and facilitates research and teaching
- Demonstration of high-resolution science and art images and videos
- Interactive features that allow faculty and students to move images and notes from laptops in the room to the large screen
- Emerging technologies, such as augmented and virtual reality, are always being explored in the libraries; PSC currently has a drone and MS Hololens; libraries' technology as a sandbox for faculty and students to determine if a technology serves the purposes of their research
- To find high resolution material, search by pixel size
- The room is available for a variety of uses; information on how to reserve the space, as well as a PowerPoint template for high-resolution presentations, is online at <https://library.uoregon.edu/scilib/psc-visualization-lab-resources>

Science Library Tour (Annie Zeidman-Karpinski)

Note: ULC minutes are posted to the [UO Scholar's Bank](#)