



**University Library Committee
Minutes
December 6, 2019**

Attendees: Jesse Cohen, David Condon, Alexandre Dossin, Beth Harn, Mike Peixoto, Margaret Sereno, George Sheridan, Xiaobo Su, Kate Thornhill, Mark Watson (ex officio)

Staff: Abigail Erwin (ex officio)

ULC Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Future Meeting Scheduling

Background: The University Library Committee aims to meet monthly from January through May.

Discussion: There has been trouble identifying mutually available time for the group. It sounds like Friday mornings may work best.

Action: Abigail will email committee members requesting that they share their winter term availability. She will send an email confirmation and calendar invitations once meeting times have been identified.

3. Senate Sub-Committee of Open Access (SSOA) Report

Background: SSOA Charge: Under the auspices of the University Library Committee, the Senate Sub-Committee on Open Access is charged by the Provost and the University Senate to undertake an investigation into the state of open access trends and practices and the role they play in the process of research and the dissemination of scholarly resources and works at the University of Oregon. Within this context and as a case study, the committee should also examine the nature of the University Libraries' relationship and contract with Elsevier to suggest options to inform the renegotiation process before the current agreement sunsets in December 2020.

The SSOA is sponsored by Patrick Phillips (Senior Vice President and Provost), Elizabeth Skowron (UO Senate President), and Elliott Berkman (UO Senate President-Elect). David is serving as the SSOA chair.

Discussion:

- This group will survey the landscape of how these changes might affect scholarly work at UO, including the negotiation of the Elsevier contract (set to end 12/31/2020).



- The Open Access Advisory Group (OAAG) has been formed in support of the SSOA. The OAAG Charge is as follows:
 - To collect and present information for the University Library Committee Senate Subcommittee on Open Access about library “big deals,” University of California transformative agreement with Elsevier open access initiatives (including but not limited to Plan S), and other topics as requested to facilitate analysis and recommendations.
- UO, OSU, and PSU have negotiated their last two five-year contracts with Elsevier together. Elsevier plays an invaluable role in supplying libraries with journals, but many libraries have declining resources and do not find Elsevier’s high costs for contract, as well as the article processing charges made to faculty, to be sustainable.

Action: No formal action identified.

4. Theme for the year

Background: Margaret and Mark met last month to discuss the direction for the ULC and would like to use this group to make connections between the Libraries and academic departments/disciplines. With this theme, meetings would be an opportunity to discuss resources, departmental needs, and how the Libraries can support those needs.

Discussion:

- This could be an opportunity to make faculty more aware of library resources available to them, such as Python workshops and statistical consulting (the Libraries just hired a statistician who works with two GEs on statistical consulting in a programmatic partnership with the Graduate School).
- Meetings could include library liaisons, departmental faculty, and presentations by librarians about how departments can utilize library resources
 - o Some departments utilize their library liaison more than others do. Beth refers first-year doctoral students to their departmental liaison in the beginning so they know how to utilize library resources, attend workshops, etc.
- Libraries is in talks of hosting a Graduate School “Boot Camp.” Committee members recommended this be a half-day program with different tracks so students can self-select topics of interest to them or topics that would be helpful for their discipline, as not all disciplines require the same databases or resources.

Action: Margaret and Mark will meet to determine topics/groups for winter term meetings.

5. Dean’s Update

- Mark shared an update on the Libraries, including its academic priorities for the school year, and the goals for the Strategic Map (currently being created for 2020).