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**University Library Committee  
Minutes  
February 7, 2020**

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**Attendees:** Jesse Cohen, David Condon, Bettina Cornwell, Alex Dossin, Mike Peixoto, Margaret Sereno, George Sheridan, Kate Thornhill, Mark Watson

**Staff:** Abigail Erwin (ex officio)

**Guests:** Elizabeth Peterson, Ann Shaffer, Jeff Staiger, Erin Stoddart, Rick Stoddart, Malcolm Wilson

**ULC Agenda**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Interim Dean's Report (Mark)**

- Human Resources updates:
  - o New positions recently hired:
    - Assessment Coordinator, Rick Stoddart
    - Art and Architecture Librarian, Andrew Wang
    - Core Systems Librarian, Margaret Alexander
  - o Candidates for the Web Services Librarian position will be interviewing on campus next week.
  - o Ed Teague is fully retired as of January 31
- UO Libraries Strategic Vision: The strategic planning process resulted in a final strategic vision. In a future meeting we could perhaps bring members of the task forces in to give updates on the initiatives.
- Giving: UO Libraries has brought in generous gifts since November.
- Belongingness Study: Student Life Assessment conducted a belongingness survey of campus, and the results indicate that students feel a strong sense of belonging at the library.
- Upcoming event: UO Authors, Book Talks taking place on Wednesday, February 12 at 5:30pm in the Knight Library Browsing Room. Kirby Brown will be discussing his book, "Stoking the Fire: Nationhood in Cherokee Writing, 1907-1970."
  - o Question: Could there be a similar event for when faculty release CDs?

**3. SSOA Update (David)**

Background: In the fall the Senate Subcommittee on Open Access (SSOA) was charged with reporting current trends in Open Access to the Senate. Using the information gathered, the SSOA will make recommendations to the Senate around changes that may be coming down the road with relationships to big publishing companies. There is a smaller sub-group (SSOA Working Group) preparing a white paper to bring everyone on the same page of how we are operationalizing the issues that are part of Open Access. David hopes this document will be finished by the end of February.



Discussion

- Question: What are the basics of the Open Access issues?
  - o There are contracts with publishers that the university has that are coming new, and because of all the revolutionary changes in the landscape, we are hoping to reevaluate what the relationships to the publishers will look like. All possibilities are on the table in the negotiations, but there are many relationships to consider in negotiating.
  - o The UC schools temporarily backed out of their association with a major publisher, which has been seen as setting the stage for what is going on more broadly.
  - o The end goal of the subcommittee's work is less to get into the granular details of a specific contract with a specific publisher, but reflect that a lot of people are reevaluating the relationship between the research they produce and consume.
- Question: Are other faculty members being interviewed about their thoughts on Open Access?
  - o Not at this stage, but this is a good idea in the future.
- Question: Are you looking at tertiary vendors?
  - o This issue hasn't come up yet, but the SSOA appreciates and welcomes all feedback.

**4. Discussion with faculty from the Humanities/Fine Arts**

Background: At the beginning of the year the committee decided to solicit feedback about the library from different disciplines. Mark asked subject specialist librarians for names of faculty members they work with closely; these faculty were sent a survey. The response rate was small.

Discussion:

Rather than discussing specific feedback, the conversation focused more on ways to make the survey and its results more useful. Ideas included:

- Have deans or associate deans send the survey to their faculty
- Include questions about what different library services allow them to accomplish
- Include a question about instruction
- Split services and databases into separate questions
- Pair questions with goals of the Strategic Vision
- Perhaps a campus-level survey would be more helpful
- Include demographics
- Ask about how faculty used the library, how they currently use the library, how they would like to use the library, etc.
- Ask faculty what kind of research they expect from their students, and what their assignments require

**5. Next Meeting preview**

The next ULC meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 2 at 10am in Knight Library 115H (Rowe Conference Room).