



**University Library Committee
Minutes
March 2, 2020
Knight Library 115H (Rowe Conference Room)**

Attendees: Alex Dossin, Beth Harn, Mike Peixoto, Margaret Sereno, Xiaobo Su, Kate Thornhill, Mark Watson

Staff: Abigail Erwin (ex officio)

Guests: Ina Asim, Jonathan Cain, Katherine Donaldson, Linda Long, Rich Margerum, Kevin McDowell, Judith Raiskin, Sylvia Thompson, Xiaotong Wang

ULC Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Interim Dean's Report (Mark)

- **UO Libraries Strategic Vision**
 - o Seven of the initiative groups have been charged, and more will be charged this month.
- **Vice Provost and University Librarian (VPUL) Search**
 - o Search Committee is reviewing applications for the VPUL.
 - o Airport interviews will take place in mid-March, and the Search Firm has held four dates in April for in-person campus interviews.
- **Human Resources updates**
 - o The searches are complete for the Core Systems Librarian, Conservation Technician, and Access Services Technician.
 - o A search is currently underway for the University Historian and Archivist position.
- **Advancement**
 - o Ducks Give is coming soon.
 - o There is a Library Advancement Committee meeting in June, held in conjunction with the Undergraduate Research Awards.
 - o The Library is sponsoring this year's Undergraduate Research Symposium.
- **COVID-19**
 - o The Library is making preparations should COVID-19 (Coronavirus) reach campus.

3. SSOA Update (Mark for David)

Background: In the fall the Senate Subcommittee on Open Access (SSOA) was charged with investigating current trends in Open Access (OA) to the Senate and making recommendations for advancing OA at the University. SSOA also present options for renegotiating the current license agreement with Elsevier. There is a smaller sub-group (SSOA Working Group) preparing a



white paper to survey the current landscape and serve as a focal point for discussions on campus.

- Updates

- David is working on the edits to the White Paper the Working Group drafted, and the group hopes to distribute it later this month. Tentative launch date to campus in April.
- SSOA is also working with Kindea Labs to create a short video to educate campus on Open Access.
- Mark met with colleagues from OSU and PSU, and the group agreed that their campuses are not yet ready to walk away from their agreements with Elsevier. The contract will be renewed for one more year.

4. Discussion with faculty from the Social Sciences

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 invited to the meeting.

Discussion: Faculty were asked to talk about what services they would use, what they would like to see more of, what could be changed, and other thoughts on the library.

Things that the library does well:

- Offers support for faculty and graduate students
- Provides support for teaching projects
- Student outreach
- Digital Scholarship Services (DSS) is helpful with new options for research
- Allows faculty to do their work
- Data Services

Areas of improvement:

- College of Education would like access to more journals in specialized areas
- Increase the number of staff in DSS so they can assist with more projects

Other notes:

- As technology changes, could the Library help with changing the language of what is required for promotion to tenure? This conversation may need to be had at the provost-level.
- Margaret would like the ULC to strategize on how to move forward with the ideas shared today.

5. Next Meeting preview

The next ULC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9 at 3pm in Knight Library 117 (please note the location change for this meeting).