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**University Library Committee (ULC)**  
**Minutes**  
**January 5, 2022**

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**Attendees:** Alicia Salaz, Rebecca DesPrez, Aaron Gullickson, Raghuveer Parthasarathy, Shane McGovern, Martha Bayless

**Absent:** Steven van Enk, Anne Laskaya

**Welcome and Logistics** (Alicia Salaz)

- Welcome new and returning members of ULC.
- The Committee will meet twice per term, for a total of six meetings per academic year.
- We will elect a committee chair and a representative to the Academic Council at the next meeting; members discussed and determined we need more information about these roles before committing/volunteering. Rebecca will seek details from Betina Lynn to share with the group.

**Introduction of Committee Members**

- Committee members introduced themselves.

**Alicia's Report**

- **HELIOS Higher Education Initiative**
  - Alicia provided information about the HELIOS higher education initiative spearheaded by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's Roundtable on Aligning Incentives for Open Science. 55+ institutions nationally are represented and they are working on developing incentives for open science. Alicia will provide more information about this to ULC as the UO's representative member to this group.
- **Collection Issue**
  - Alicia brought up the collection issue.
  - ULC Team discussed some of the issues with the collections such as gaps in the libraries' collections and a need for better strategy to deal with various collection issues and interlibrary loan.
- **Elsevier Contract**
  - Alicia explained about Elsevier Publishing Company and how the library is using its services. ~10% of our collections budget is dedicated to our Elsevier journals package/contract and it is up for renewal at the end of 2022
  - The Libraries would look for faculty advice on how to approach this contract negotiation later in the year and the group discussed some ways of potentially bringing in a broader set of faculty voices from beyond the ULC to inform this negotiation.
- **Website**



- Alicia explained the need to make UO library website more user-friendly.
- ULC members expressed concerns about the usability of different web elements, which aligns with previously collected survey data from users who indicate this is one of the library's less usable services.
- Data Collaborations
  - ULC members expressed interest in exploring library support for data collaborations and fostering data-centered partnerships across campus. Alicia has some previous experience with this and believes there is some emerging activity within the library that could grow with more investment.
- **Subject Specialist Librarian**
  - ULC members shared some information on their experiences interacting with specialist librarians and their level of interactions with the faculty members.

**Action Items:**

- Rebecca will email Betina Lynn to get more information on the role and responsibilities of the committee chair and the representative to the Academic Council and will share with the group via e-mail.
- Alicia will provide a chart of library budget at the next meeting.
- Alicia will provide more information on HELIOS higher education initiative at the next meeting.
- Other aspects of future meeting agendas to be determined by the chair, once appointed. We can consider bringing library faculty / research associates to further discuss the possibility for data collaboration initiatives, for instance.
- Rebecca to confirm planned frequency of meetings and work to get the next several committee meetings on our calendars.

**Next Meeting: TBD**