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**University Library Committee (ULC)**

**Minutes**

**March 20, 2023**

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**Attendees:** Alicia Salaz, Rebecca DesPrez, Anne Laskaya, Martha Bayless, Rebekah Harley, Carrie McCurdy

**Absent:** Aaron Gullickson, Mary Jaeger

**VPUL Report (Alicia)**

- *Budget Overview*
  - VPUL announced that the Provost Office has signaled support for 2% to 3% increase in non-personnel budget for the library.
  - Personnel budgets will increase to meet the rates set out in our campus-level agreements.
  - UO Libraries are saving money as a result of Elsevier lapse of contract and they are in a position to allocate more budget to acquire digital collections and other things.
- *Strategic Planning*
  - VPUL reported on Brightspot and what it is doing to help the UO Libraries with its vision, mission and strategic planning.
  - The cost of hiring Brightspot is paid by the Provost office.
  - Brightspot is close to drafting its final plan.
  - This plan will be a tool for UO Libraries to use for enriching student experiences and to build a tech-forward library in future.
  - The final plan will be presented to ULC members for their input.
  - Brightspot's plan will be shared with the UO Community and will be used to show UO Leadership and donors what our priorities are.
- *Knight Library Design*
  - VPUL Salaz informed ULC about Knight Library physical design/renovation plans.
  - A year ago Knight Library has launched a design project with the help of an architectural firm called DLR.
  - DLR is helping the Knight library with issues like space and functionality.
  - DLR is working on plans to create a library representing Oregon.
  - Knight Library renovation will take a few years. If the plan gets approved, a robust fundraising will start.
  - DLR has engaged students, library staff, faculty, tenants and leadership in this process.

**Actions:**



- Rebecca DesPrez to distribute Brightspot's draft plans when available to ULC.
- Anne Laskaya, the Chair, will call the next meeting at the end of April, 2023.

**Next Meeting**

- TBD