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**University Library Committee (ULC)  
Minutes  
October 9, 2023**

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**Attendees:** Alicia Salaz, Rebecca DesPrez, Mary Jaeger, Micah Warren, Michal Young

**Absent:** Ben Elias, Carrie McCurdy, Martha Bayless, Rebekah Hanley

**Guest:** Sandy Weintraub (Senate Secretary), Betina Lynn (Executive Coordinator)

**Welcome** (Sandy and Alicia)

- Sandy Weintraub, Senate Secretary, welcomed everyone and he emphasized the importance of participation in ULC and how this Committee would be useful in the UO Senate.
- Sandy indicated that if the members are interested, ULC can be restructured to meet the needs of library and the faculty.
- Sandy reminded the Council that Alicia in her role as ex-officio cannot serve as a chair and he urged faculty members to nominate a chair to represent ULC in the Senate.
- Alicia welcomed the new ULC members, and every member introduced themselves.

**Big Ten Transition** (Alicia)

- ULC members discussed the Big Ten and its implications.
- Alicia talked about the benefits and challenges of joining the Big Ten and how UO Libraries can provide unique and specialized collections.

**Elsevier Negotiations** (Alicia)

- Members inquired about Elsevier negotiations. Alicia pointed out that the contract has been lapsed and so far Elsevier is not interested in renegotiation. However, data shows that the libraries are saving money by following MIT's model of pay on demand and our community seems generally satisfied with this alternative for the time being.
- ULC members discussed how to support open access and academy-owned publishing and how to move away from commercial, for-profit publishers.

**Action Item:**

**Faculty members** to elect a chair to run the ULC's agenda as well as act as ex-officio on the Academic Council for the Library Committee in the next meeting. Notify Rebecca and/or Betina Lynn of the choice for chair.

**Alicia** will provide, at the next meeting, an overview of current library services and operations beyond the collections, and will provide a budget overview for libraries, for context and



background for all members. Alicia should also have more details by then on the implications for libraries of joining the Big 10. More information forthcoming.

**Next Meeting**

- TBD, late November or early December.