



University Library Committee (ULC)
Minutes
December 5, 2023

Attendees: Alicia Salaz, Rebecca DesPrez, Isabella Dana, Mical Young, Rebekah Hanley, Ben Ellias, Micah Warren, Martha Bayless

Absent: Carrie McCurdy, Mary Jaeger

Overview of Library services (Alicia)

- VPUL Salaz discussed the current library services beyond our collections:
 - Our budget comparing with other ARL (118 research libraries) is smaller. We are 107 on the list. We are small but mighty!
 - Between 2015 until now the use of print collections has dropped. The use of ILL has also dropped.
 - Electronic use in the library is popular although that's declining too.
 - Our Open Education program (Open Oregon Educational Resources) is larger than PSU and OSU.
 - We are proud of library's special collections where it houses many amazing papers including Ken Kesey's and Congressman Peter DeFazio's papers.
 - We get many requests from visitors from all over the world to visit and do research with the help of our special collections.
 - Many undergraduate students are using our library, and a new instructional librarian has been hired.
 - Our library is housing the DREAM Lab for Data services. Many graduate students use our DREAM Lab.
 - Library space play an important role on campus especially for undergraduate students. We get more than 50,000 visitors annually.
 - We are working on providing space on the 4th floor specifically for graduate students.
 - We have done several revamps in the library including the South Reading Room.
 - We are in the process of opening the Gaming Learning Center in the Science Library.
 - We have a wonderful Music Lab in the Knight Library.
 - We are revamping the library website to make it more up-to-date and user-friendly.
 - Library promotes undergraduate research every year. We allocate monetary awards for this research. We also operate the Oregon Undergraduate Journal which publishes undergraduate research papers.



- Members asked questions for followup about benefits of joining the Big10, campus funding levels, and future priorities for libraries that go beyond the important work of providing resources, as well as how to better communicate the evolving range of available resources and services to the campus community. Suggestions included stronger engagement in new faculty onboarding (and new graduate student onboarding/orientation?)

Action Item:

Drawing on this and the prior discussion, ULC members will consider goals for the group's work and spend the next meeting discussing these and establishing priorities. How can the ULC most effectively work in the year ahead to strengthen the university's libraries to serve our community? Consider: campus outreach/information, open scholarship, Big 10, learning & research resources needed across campus, consulting & teaching services, data services, other.

Next Meeting

- TBD