



University Library Committee (ULC)

Minutes

March 4, 2024

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

Absent: Carrie McCurdy, Mary Jaeger

VPUL Update (Alicia)

- Alicia shared updates on the library's long-term capital plans and clarified that capital expenditures are funded through a dedicated State legislative mechanism and have no impact on collections or operational budgets.
- Alicia informed the ULC that the library has a fund of \$80k to give out to the faculty members who need support publishing their work. UO affiliated authors pay a fee to publishers for the publications of their work which will be available to the public for free.
- Alicia shared analysis from faculty librarians that showed the total APC paid to publishers from UO-affiliated authors. The chart showed that UO has paid an estimated \$3.32 million to publishers in 2022. The top recipients of APC were Wiley, Elsevier and Springer Nature.
- VPUL indicated that the library regularly gets requests from the faculty for financial support but does not have enough funds to support every request.
- ULC members discussed pros and cons of publishing in prestige journals and the cost associated with this.

Discussion of ULC charge and priorities for the year ahead

- ULC discussed potential priorities and activities for its effort:
 - Expanding library investments/funding by helping develop evidence and data points it around the impacts on faculty success and productivity; potentially contributing to budget advisory group (BAG) investment proposals each spring
 - Advancing open access initiatives through faculty policy or guidance, raising awareness of the benefits of the institutional repository, and/or working to align incentives for open publishing
 - Providing feedback on the library's APC fund policies
 - Providing feedback on collections priorities
 - Members queried whether the university (Provost, President) can identify policies or decision points related to libraries that would benefit from faculty input
 - Members queried how membership on the budget advisory group is determined
- BAG (Budget Advisory Group) and strategic financial planning were discussed.



Action Items for Alicia

- Alicia to discuss with deans and the provost to get their feedback on any priorities for the ULC
- Alicia to investigate how one can get nominated to serve as a member of the university's budget advisory group.

Next Meeting

- TBD