



University Library Committee (ULC)

Minutes

May 9, 2022

Attendees: Alicia Salaz, Rebecca DesPrez, Anne Laskaya , Raghuvveer Parthasarathy, Martha Bayless

Absent: Aaron Gullickson

Welcome (Anne Laskaya)

- The new chair, Anne Laskaya, welcomed all the members of ULC.
- Anne Laskaya has been elected as the committee chair and Aaron Gullickson will serve as a representative to the Academic Council.

VPUL Salaz's Questions/Brainstorming:

How to engage the faculty across campus to inform libraries strategic planning this spring/summer?

- VPUL Salaz asked ULC's feedback on ways to engage the faculty on strategic planning for libraries this summer.
- The Committee believes that most faculty will not have the bandwidth to engage in this activity in summer as they are busy doing research.
- ULC members made a recommendation to revisit this project in fall.

How to structure faculty focus groups to make them more effective?

- The Committee believes that all departments and colleges should be surveyed on this.
- ULC members believe that it's important to engage junior level faculty members as well as NTTF and tenure-track members.
- ULC expressed concern about misinformation/truth-gathering and how libraries might work together with teaching faculty to help mitigate this problem.
- The Committee agreed on the importance of digitalization of archives.
- ULC team would like to see some resources currently allocated to purchasing journals potentially diverted to hire archivists and help digitize rare materials and to help maintain material archives unique to UO. This would require surveying faculty in different fields of study to uncover what journals might be cut without endangering active discipline-specific research and graduate study.

Next Meeting

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