

University Library Committee (ULC), Annual Report 2018-2019

Committee Members:

- Adriene Lim, Dean of Libraries (ex officio)
- John Bellamy Foster, Sociology
- Shelley Harshe, Exec. Asst. to Dean of Libraries
- Vera Keller, History
- Tyler Kendall, Linguistics
- Courtney Munther, SOJC
- Michael Najjar, Theater Arts
- Margaret Sereno, Psychology
- Xiaobo Su, Geography
- Charles Theobald, Research Technology Services
- Kate Thornhill, Digital Projects Librarian
- Juanita Devereaux, Romance Languages (Chair)

Overview:

The University Library Committee held six meetings this academic year (November 13, November 29, January 14, February 13, April 18 and May 14). With guidance and consultation from Adriene Lim and additional library staff, the ULC addressed a number of issues throughout the year. The following is a summary of the issues covered in ULC meetings. A more detailed account can be found on the [UO Scholars Bank](#).

November 13 The first Fall term meeting began with an overview presented by Barbara Jenkins and Adriene Lim of the results of the LibQUAL Survey completed by undergraduate students, graduate students and faculty. The committee discussed the array of feedback provided by those who participated in the survey regarding library services, resources, collections and spaces. Next on the agenda was a presentation by Katy Lenn, Head of Research and Instructional Services of the New Faculty Services research guide. Our final agenda item was an informational presentation by Helen Chu, Chief Academic Technology Officer on ATAG, the Academic Technology Advisory Group.

November 29 The meeting opened with an informational presentation by Franny Gaede about the Knight Library's new DREAM Lab. With emphasis on collaborative scholarship, space for workshop and event projects, video conferencing and webinars, the DREAM lab opens for faculty, staff and GE use in Winter term 2019. The next meeting focus was an update by Helen Chu of OERs, their impact on access, affordability, the reuse of resources by faculty and ways to financially support these services. The ULC reviewed the necessity of bringing awareness across campus to faculty about these innovations.

January 14 The first meeting of the 2019 academic year began with a Mellon Project Update of David Frank's digital exhibit of "The March" and an update of the next round of Mellon Faculty Fellow Grants. In the next agenda item, Adriene Lim, Mark Johnson and Ann Miller shared a document with the ULC describing the Collection Development Philosophy. This was a means of encapsulating ways in which different disciplines work with their collections in all formats and

maintain a commitment to diversity. We then examined the De-accessioning Policy and Guidelines toward an understanding of how library staff make decisions on keeping or de-accessioning items in the library's collections. Considerations of space, cost and sustainability were discussed. The final item on the agenda was an introduction to Open Access. Many challenges were presented including how to track the journals that are not a part of Open Access, faculty decisions regarding where to publish their work, licensing fees and the promotion of Open Access journals that faculty access and utilize. This is a matter that the ULC will continue to examine throughout the course of upcoming meetings.

February 13 The meeting was spent discussing facets of Open Access. Adriene Lim, Miriam Rigby and Mark Watson explained licensing costs, renewals and their impact on acquisition budgets. Questions of cost-effectiveness are in play to steer some decisions regarding bundling, paying by title and creating discipline-related budget groupings. Presently, the University of California Libraries system is undergoing a negotiation that we are monitoring. The UO does not have an Open Access policy. The ULC is gathering information toward establishing and committing to an Open Access vision and policy.

April 18 This meeting was largely a continuation of the ULC's discussion of Open Access principles. We began with reviewing Open Access 2020 (OA2020) Initiative's Expression of Statement and questions concerning the UO's signing of this statement. This is a foundational document that the UO would need to adapt to our needs prior to implementing any Open Access policy. Questions of how faculty would benefit from Open Access, the price range of publication in various journals and the caliber of specific journals were examined. The ULC looked at the extensive Open Access Policy for the Academic Senate of the University of California comparing our model with PSU and OSU to theirs. Various suggestions of next steps were offered by committee members including measures to educate the campus faculty through teach-ins, collective conversations about faculty concerns, a greater understanding of how APCs are handled by various units on campus and following the lead of Adriene Lim's draft statement to be sent to the Provost and Faculty Senate explaining our negotiating points. The ULC then segued into an overview of the UO Elsevier Contract which is shared with PSU and OSU. Since this contract does not expire until December 2020, more consideration of the possibility of a hybridization will be taken into account. The final agenda item was Vera Keller's presentation of her Traveling Scriptorium which has been donated to the library for faculty use.

May 14 The ULC's final meeting of the academic year was two-fold: a discussion of the budgetary reductions to the library and a further conversation about Open Access. Adriene Lim and Mark Jackson detailed the ways in which the library is handling a \$800,000 budget cut so as to preserve as many jobs and resources as possible. After careful consideration, the library plans to eliminate 2 large journal packages from collections, Wiley and Springer Nature totaling \$360,000. Both of these resources have a strong focus in the sciences. The remaining \$440,000 are lines which are being vacated due to retirement. As our last agenda item Adriene presented copies of the Open Access policy now being used by OSU. The committee reviewed the clarity of this policy and unanimously agreed to support adapting this language to meet the needs of the UO. Adriene is sending the OSU policy to the Provost's Office and to the Faculty Senate as a ULC approved policy.