

University Library Committee (ULC) 2016-17 Annual Report

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- Jimmy Murray, Science Library
- Doris Payne, Linguistics
- Nicholas Proudfoot, Mathematics (Chair)
- Chris Eckerman, Classics
- Suzanne Rowe, Law
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- Shelley Harshe, Executive Assistant (Staff Support)

The ULC met five times during the 2016-17 academic year; see the minutes on the UO Scholar's Bank for a detailed description of the agenda items. Below is a brief overview of three of the main topics that we discussed at various points during the year.

Storage. The UO libraries are currently very close to being at full capacity. This impacts our ability to acquire new material, ranging from standard recurring acquisitions (such as journals) to special collections that we would like to acquire (such as Peter DeFazio's papers). Dean Lim cited the need for an external storage facility as the most urgent issue currently facing the UO libraries. She circulated a memo describing a range proposals, including the rental or purchase of such a facility. The committee also discussed advantages and disadvantages of acquiring new content in electronic format only, or of deaccessioning physical collections when the same material is available electronically.

Budget. The library is faced with the possibility of a 1% budget cut for AY 2017-18. In addition, the cost of journal subscriptions is rising so rapidly that even a constant budget feels like a significant cut. The committee discussed various statistical methods that the library staff uses to decide how to allocate its collections budget between different disciplines.

IT. The committee discussed the massive IT reorganization on campus, and the library's changing role in serving other parts of the university. We also discussed the library's on-line research guides and their integration with Canvas.