

University Library Council Annual Report Academic Year 2019-2020

Chair: Brian Butler, Senior Associate Dean, College of Information Studies

Meeting Schedule:

Monday, October 7, 2019 from 3:00 - 4:30 pm, 6135 McKeldin Library
 Friday, November 1, 2019 from 1:00 - 2:30 pm, 4th floor, Hornbake Library
 Friday, December 6, 2019 from 1:30 - 3:00 pm, Piano Room, Michelle Smith Performing Arts Library
 Thursday, February 13, 2020 from 1:30 - 3:00 pm, STEM Library
 Thursday, March 5, 2020 from 9:30 - 11:00 am, 6135 McKeldin Library
 Thursday, April 9, 2020 from 2:00 - 3:00 pm, Zoom meeting
 Thursday, May 7, 2020 from 11:00 am - 12 noon, Zoom meeting

Council Membership:

Constituency	Name	College
Chair	Brian Butler	INFO
Faculty Member	Progyan Basu	BMGT
Faculty Member	Michel Boudreaux	SPHL
Faculty Member	Linda Coleman	ARHU
Faculty Member	John Cumings	ENGR
Faculty Member	James Farquhar	CMNS
Faculty Member	Barbara Hagg-Huglo	ARHU
Faculty Member	Nadine Sahyoun	AGNR

Faculty Member	Deena Shariq	BSOS
Faculty Member	Min Wang	EDUC
Library Faculty Member	Joseph Koivisto	LIBR
Graduate Student	Brittany Starr	ARHU
Undergraduate Student	Abigail Svoysky	CMNS
Ex-Officio - Provost's Rep	John Bertot	SVPAAP
Ex-Officio - Libraries' Rep	Dan Mack	LIBR
Ex-Officio - Senate Chair Elect	Laura Dugan	BSOS
Ex-Officio - Division of IT Rep	Marcio Oliveira	DIT

Major Activities:

The Dean of Libraries, Adriene Lim, regularly updated the ULC on the progress of the libraries' **strategic planning process**. The ULC reviewed and commented on draft mission and vision statements, took part in a vision planning exercise and were informed when the mission statement was approved by the Senate and President Loh.

The ULC visited several **library locations** where department heads gave an overview of their library services:

- Hornbake - Doug McElrath outlined the role of Special Collections and University Archives
- Michelle Smith Performing Arts Library [MSPAL] - Steve Henry described the library's collections and recent trends such as an increasing demand for electronic resources
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics [STEM] - Nevenka Zdravkovska gave a presentation on services; Jodi Coulter demonstrated the Augmented Reality Sandbox which is used to demonstrate the local effects of climate change on communities
- McKeldin - Kelsey Corlett-Rivera summarized services available to researchers throughout the research cycle; Yelena Luckert showed the group around the teaching area; Hilary Thompson described inter library loan [ILL] and course reserves processes

A sub-group of ULC was formed to address publishing, access and contract terms for UMD's licensed content - **UMD PACT**. This is seen as an urgent and timely issue. The sub-group will update ULC on their work.

Dean Lim regularly reported on the libraries' response to **COVID 19** and the subsequent move to purely online services. The ULC viewed an activity report summarizing usage statistics during the first months of the crisis; the report has been submitted to campus administration. Budget reduction planning principles in response to the COVID 19 crisis were shared with the group.

Other items of interest:

- The ULC took part in an appreciative inquiry exercise to identify the strengths of the libraries and how it relates to success for them as individuals, for their department/college and for the university
- Dan Mack, Associate Dean of Collections presented a collections budget update in February
- The ULC discussed experiential learning and interdisciplinary collaboration needs
- The ULC members were invited to submit testimonials to Dean Lim as part of an effort to communicate more broadly the role and purpose of the ULC in a new Library publication.