

University Library Council (ULC) Meeting

Wednesday, 9 October 2020

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 am

Attendees met online

Present: Progyan Basu, Brian Butler [chair], Lindsay Carpenter, Linda Coleman, John Cumings, Mark Demorra, Judi Kidd [note taker], Adriene Lim, John Laub, Dan Mack, Nadine Sahyoun, Shannon Zellars Strohl

Apologies: James Farquhar

1. Introductions

Group members introduced themselves.

2. General charge and overview

Brian reviewed the council's charge and its advisory role to the Senate. He thanked group members for their willingness to serve. It was noted that it is not possible for the group to be representative of the whole university community.

3. Update on UMD PACT

UMD PACT [Publishing, Access, and Contract Terms] was set up as a sub-group of the ULC in the 2019-2020 session. Its aim is to make Maryland's research more visible, accessible, affordable, and equitably accessible. Group members spent six-months information gathering and are now advocating for an approach that Harvard University has successfully been following for many years. UMD authors would retain their copyrights and give the institution an irrevocable, non-exclusive, non-commercial license to share their pre-published work in [DRUM](#), the UMD open access institutional repository. It is vital to gain faculty and the campus administration support to make this a successful endeavor. [Here is a link to PACT's website](#). ULC members are invited to comment on the draft licensing principles, as posted on the site.

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4. Strategic plan

Adriene presented a series of slides giving an overview of the Library's 3-year strategic plan. (See slides shared separately.)

5. Discussion of library service continuity/resumption plans and implications of the financial crisis

Adriene provided an overview of the Libraries' budget status, including a 5% cut in FY21, noting that use of the Libraries' one-time reserves funding in the amount of \$475K will allow the Libraries to defer collections cuts until FY22. ULC discussed how best to communicate this news, suggesting that the campus community be informed of what is planned and to consider possible questions and solutions in future ULC meetings.

A question about the Libraries' level of alumni and donor support was asked. Adriene agreed that the donor base for the Libraries is not where it should be and will take a few years to develop. There has been more success in donations of gifts of materials, but we lack a good level of endowments to help with ongoing operational and collections costs.

6. Charge to committee members to actively collect stories - successes and unmet needs

Brian asked committee members to collect examples of Library success stories and to look for areas where needs are unmet.

Additional resources shared

The UMD Dissertation and Theses collection: <https://drum.lib.umd.edu/handle/1903/2>

ULC meeting notes [2019-2020] <https://drum.lib.umd.edu/handle/1903/26459>

<https://umdphysics.umd.edu/events/physicscolloquia.html#the-overproduction-of-truth-passion-competition-and-integrity-in-modern-science>

Monograph, "Overproduction of Truth":

<https://oxford-universitypressscholarship-com.proxy-um.researchport.umd.edu/view/10.1093/oso/9780198799887.001.0001/oso-9780198799887>

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