

University Library Council (ULC) Meeting

Wednesday, 2 December 2020

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Attendees met online

Present: Progyan Basu, John Bertot, Brian Butler [chair], Lindsay Inge Carpenter, Linda Coleman, John Cumings, Mark DeMorra, Judi Kidd [note taker], Adriene Lim, Dan Mack, Stephen Nkansah Amankra, Nadine Sahyoun, Shannon Zellars-Strohl

Guests: Milan Budhathoki [GIS Librarian], Kate Dohe [Manager, Digital Programs and Initiatives], David Durden [Data Services Librarian], Babak Hamidzadeh [Associate Dean, Digital Services and Technologies]

1. Welcome and introduction of guests

ULC welcomed Babak, David, Kate, and Milan to the meeting. Adriene noted that data services feature heavily in the Libraries' strategic plan, developing the Libraries' services and working across campus in both teaching and research.

ULC members introduced themselves and listed "what data means to you". This highlighted the wide range of data across disciplines on campus including:

- Engineering - materials measurements
- Financial and stock market data
- Textual novels, archival research
- Large datasets provided by the Federal Government - national health and nutrition data
- Public health datasets - pregnancy
- Faculty data used to inform decisions on campus. Institutional data provided by [IRPA](#).
- Qualitative data from focus groups
- Open datasets
- Debugging data, marketing/outreach data, qualitative/impact data
- English writing program. Populations of teachers
- Social science data
- Faculty constructing datasets to use in classes.

2. Presentation by Milan Budhathoki, GIS Librarian

Milan is based in the [Research Commons](#) in McKeldin Library and is currently [delivering services](#) online.

The GIS and Spatial Data Center's mission is to support all GIS users (students/faculty/staff/affiliates) affiliated with the College Park campus. Services are free of charge and include all aspects of geospatial research and teaching.

Milan began by defining Geographic Information Systems [GIS] as location-based data science for mapping and analysis. Services provided include the use of mapping software, workshops, and access to datasets. The Big Ten Geoportal is an important and expanding, consortial-based resource. Future plans for the service include forming data hubs on campus and making data more visible.

See attachment for PDF of Milan's presentation. Contact Milan Budhathoki: mb17@umd.edu

3. Presentation by David Durden, Data Services Librarian

David is based in Digital Programs & Initiatives, in the Digital Services & Technologies division, McKeldin Library. He is currently delivering services online.

David began by outlining services provided including consultations on Data Management Plans, data archiving and publication, and collection development for datasets. Some services are provided in coordination with the Research Commons. He works with many systems and organizations both on- and off-campus such as REDCap and HathiTrust. Examples of increased use of services were given. David concluded his presentation with a look to future collaborations such as partnering with campus units to pilot new services and working on cross-division projects.

See attachment for PDF of David's presentation. Contact David Durden: durden@umd.edu

Adiene noted that Kate Maloney, the Libraries' Director of Communication will be developing a communications strategy to improve communication with the campus community. Faculty are encouraged to email questions to their subject liaison and/or David [durden@umd.edu] or Milan [mb17@umd.edu].

Attachments: presentation PDFs

Next meeting: 2 - 3 pm, Monday 8 February 2021 [online]

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