

# University Library Council (ULC)

Thursday, October 21, 2021

9 - 10 am

3210 Hornbake and online

**Attendees:** Progyan Basu, Brian Butler [chair], Linda Coleman, James Farquhar, Sushanth Gupta, Michele Lamprakos, John Laub, Adriene Lim, Rochelle Newman, Patricia Ortega-Miranda, David Tomblin, Jianhua Zhu

## 1. Welcome and overview of ULC

Brian began by welcoming ULC members to a new academic year and invited members to introduce themselves. He encouraged in-person attendance where possible but online provision will also be available. This group is advisory to the Dean of Libraries [[Senate ULC page for more](#)]. Future meetings will take place in various Library locations: contact Brian if you would like to visit anywhere in particular.

## 2. Dean's update

Adriene described the Libraries' [Strategy Map and Major Initiatives for 2020-2023](#) with its four central pillars/goals:

- User-centered Innovation
- Social Justice
- Partnerships
- Organizational Capacity

These goals were the result of cross-campus planning during Adriene's first year as Dean. These goals can be seen to align closely with the priorities expressed by then-newly appointed President Pines. Additionally, Adriene is a member of the Provost's cross-campus strategic planning group. Many of the Libraries' initiatives are led by the goal of Social Justice; a major initiative is UMD PACT which is sponsored by ULC.

## 3. PACT and Open Access update

[UMD PACT](#) [Publishing, Access, and Contract Terms] is a cross-campus group co-chaired by Adriene and Prof. Holly Brewer [History Department]. The group was created in 2020 to address the

unsustainable and inequitable models in journal publishing in which many barriers exist to accessing scholarly publishing e.g. paywalls. It is an issue that has global interest and support.

[Key issues](#) and action include:

- A proposed change to campus policies regarding copyright of UMD faculty-authored papers to enable and encourage sharing of articles without breaking publishers' copyright contracts. [See policy draft and FAQ](#). Part of the proposed change involves authors submitting a copy of their peer reviewed article into [DRUM](#) [the University's digital repository]. DRUM is crawled by Google Scholar. Adriene and several PACT members will present the proposed policy change to the Senate on Wednesday, November 10.
- [TOME@UMD](#), a pilot program to advance open-access (OA) publishing of monographs in the humanities and social sciences.
- Partnering with the Division of Research and the Provost's Office on a pilot with the [Open Science Framework](#).

Comments/issues raised:

- Are contract terms available to view?
  - Many publishers require universities to sign non-disclosure agreements [NDAs] but because we are a public institution a Freedom of Information Act request may be applied. Information is being shared as much as possible.
- How are faculty made aware of PACT's work?
  - PACT has given presentations to the Council of Deans, to the chairs group, and are visiting many departments. PACT has also held open forums in the past academic year.
  - Please encourage your department to invite the Libraries to meet with you.
  - Two open forums will take place this fall:
    - November 17 at 1 pm
    - December 3 at 10 am

#### 4. Discussion: Priorities/Key issues for 2021-22

Postponed.

#### 5. Tour of "Get Out the Vote" exhibition

Laura Cleary, Instruction and Outreach Coordinator - Special Collections and University Archives showed the group around the "Get Out the Vote" exhibition in Hornbake and available [online here](#).

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