

# University Library Council (ULC)

Thursday, May 12, 2022

1 - 2 pm Online

Attendees: Progyan Basu, John Bertot, Brian Butler [chair], Lindsay Inge Carpenter, Linda Coleman, Mark Demorra, James Farquhar, Sushanth Gupta, John Laub, Adriene Lim, Dan Mack, Marcio Oliveira, David Tomblin, Jianhua Zhu

Apologies: Michele Lamprakos

## 1. Welcome and approval of recent meeting notes

February 23 and March 31 meeting notes were approved and have been added to [Box](#).

## 2. Dean's update

Adriene began by thanking all members of ULC for their service this year. She then summarized the Libraries' 2021-2022 activities and indicated how they align with the campus plans

- The Equitable Access Policy [[UMD PACT](#) is sponsored by ULC] has been approved by the UMD Senate; the next steps are implementation
- The new Libraries' website, our virtual presence on campus, will be launched in June. We typically have over 1.2 million unique visitors to the site.
- The COVID 19 response involved many Library personnel working onsite, to deliver scanning and curbside services, while the campus continued online
- The Affordable Course Content Task Force co-led by Mary Warneka and Gary White presented their report to the campus and are awaiting the next steps
- We are leading the campus level 1856 project and partnering with BSOS's summer institute re: social justice research
- We have set aside a portion of our collections funding for diversity acquisitions. Look out for Dan's upcoming announcement. These resources have been requested by faculty for teaching and include digitized newspapers from under-represented groups
- With support from the campus administration, JOVE will be available. This peer-reviewed streaming video journal supports the sciences and has been widely requested by faculty
- SocArXiv is now being administratively hosted by UMD Libraries, which demonstrates the Libraries' commitment to advance shared, open infrastructure
- UMD joined the [Open Science Framework](#) [OSF] in a joint effort with the Division of Research
- Many resources have been digitized including the [Liz Lerman Dance Exchange](#), and Diamondback newspapers, and historic newspapers from under-represented communities

- The Libraries hired an inaugural Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer
- Avalon, an open-source streaming media platform, is hosted by the libraries. This resource helps us provide resources that are heavily used on campus
- Development and fundraising is increasing as we are seen to be more dynamic on campus

### 3. Discussion: “What the UMD libraries should be doing in the next 5 years?”

As part of the early preparation for updating the UMD Libraries’ strategic plans:

- Partnerships and community engagement should continue and/or be strengthened
- Emphasize the Libraries as part of the University’s physical fabric and sense of place

### 4. Recognition and thanks

#### **ULC Members with Terms Ending in 2022 – Thank you for your service!**

John Bertot – Provost Rep.  
Brian Butler  
Lindsay Carpenter  
Mark Demorra  
Sushanth Gupta  
John Laub  
Dan Mack  
Rochelle Newman  
Marcio Oliveira  
Patricia Ortega-Miranda  
Shannon Zellars Strohl

Adriene thanked Brian for his multiple years of support and service as ULC chair.

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