

University Library Council (ULC) Meeting

Monday, May 10th, 2021

2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Attendees met online

Present: John Bertot, Brian Butler [chair], Linda Coleman, Mark DeMorra, James Farquhar, Judi Kidd [note taker], Adriene Lim, John Laub, Marcio Oliveira, Dan Mack

Apologies: Progyan Basu

1. Dean's update

This is the final ULC meeting of the current academic year. Adriene thanked all ULC members for their service in helping the Libraries connect with faculty across the campus providing a link to the Senate. She summarized the Libraries participation in many cross-campus initiatives such as the Affordable Course Content Task Force, open access monographs [[TOME](#)], [UMD PACT](#), and the Open Science Framework [QSE](#).

2. Revisit and Finalize Licensing Agreement Principles

The [final draft of UMD Libraries' Licencing Principles is available on the PACT website](#) for comment. To date, there has been very little feedback but some ULC members felt that not all faculty members were aware of the document. The Libraries will review their communication procedures since subject librarians' communication methods vary across disciplines and the Libraries do not have access to a complete list of faculty.

Publishing the licensing principles online informs publishers of our intentions in forthcoming negotiations. The principles are in line with most of our peer institutions and consortia.

The group discussed the timing of presenting PACT's *Equitable Access to Scholarly Articles authored by University Faculty policy* to the Senate. The draft document is undergoing campus-wide review in a series of events hosted by PACT. The ULC is a co-sponsor of PACT along with the Division of Research and the Division of Academic Affairs; the ULC provides a means of bringing the policy to the Senate.

3. Thanking ULC members for their service

Brian thanked outgoing ULC members for their service:

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Progyan Basu
John Bertot
Linda Coleman
John Cumings
James Farquhar
Daniel Mack
Marcio Oliveira
Nadine Sahyoun
Sara Wiatrak
Ellen Williams

4. Topics for next year's ULC

- Several members expressed their appreciation for the pre-pandemic in-person library visits including the STEM Library and McKeldin. Consider more visits when we return to campus.
- Funding for the Libraries and outreach, gifts, and endowments. Invite the Director of Development and representatives from University Relations.
- In response to a question, Adriene outlined changes to the Libraries' Makerspace provision due to budget and staffing reductions, and the increase in campus-wide Makerspaces that are open to all users. The Libraries' Makerspace program will continue, but will now be focused in the STEM Library to consolidate equipment and staffing. Even though it will be located in the STEM Library, everyone regardless of their discipline will be able to use the equipment and the target users will be at an entry-level.
- Combining resources with Div IT on experiential learning in the MakerSpace area - perhaps a joint strategy would work.

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