

University Library Council (ULC)

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

3 - 4 pm online

Attendees: Jason Baron, Progyan Basu, Holly Brewer [Chair], Lindsay Carpenter, Ira Chinoy, Linda Coleman, David Dahl, James Farquhar, Victor Galitski, Christopher Jarzynski, Michele Lamprakos, Adriene Lim, Dan Mack, Gary White

Apologies: David Tomblin

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Approval of minutes from last meeting in December

Meeting notes from December 14, 2022. were approved. They have been added to [Box](#).

3. Update from Associate Dean Dan Mack on new database acquisitions

The University of Maryland now has access to over one hundred Adam Matthew (AM) resources as a direct result of our membership in the Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA). This is the largest acquisition ever implemented through the BTAA Collective Investment Program (CIP, formerly Large Scale Acquisitions program). This initiative provides access to millions of pages of essential full-text primary source content from the entire AM core collections portfolio to all BTAA member libraries. Content includes primary and archival resources from around the world, and supports research and teaching across a wide range of disciplinary areas.

You can access these resources via title search in Database Finder

(<https://lib.guides.umd.edu/az.php>)

See attached PDF listing Adam Matthew titles.

Questions and comments

- What is the mechanism used to deliver this type of news to faculty?
 - Subject librarians typically do not have access to departmental listservs. Updates are shared with a single departmental representative who is tasked with forwarding that information to colleagues. The list of subject specialists and departmental representatives is here:

<https://www.lib.umd.edu/research/subject-specialist/departmental-liaisons>

- Several ULC members reported either not receiving such updates, or receiving them after a time-lag
- Having access to faculty lists is crucial to sharing this type of information

4. Reprise of Open Scholarship/Open Science Presentation to USM Chancellor and USM team on January 20, and request for ULC input

Adriene shared the slides presented on January 20 [see attached PDF]. The overall aim was to provide an overview of the current state of affairs, barriers to, and benefits from open scholarship. Discussion followed:

- The presentation was well received by the Chancellor
- Public access to published research, databases, journals, etc.
 - Licencing costs and restrictions prevent remote, online access off campus for non-current, UMD-credentialed people [this includes alumni]
 - Anyone without current UMD credentials can access these licensed resources, but must come into the physical campus/library to do that
 - Opportunities for fundraising with University Relations?
 - Challenges in the visual humanities, architecture, art etc. Obtaining permissions for publishing photographs etc. Possible workshop for those using images
- Ideas raised:
 - Develop system-wide initiatives for open publishing and open access across USM [e.g., shared infrastructure, staffing, library efforts]
 - Expand efforts related to Open Education and Open Educational Resources [e.g., through Kirwan Center, M.O.S.T., etc.]
- NASA Open Science Program
<https://science.nasa.gov/open-science/transform-to-open-science>
- <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2023/nsf23556/nsf23556.pdf> “Pathways to Enable Open-Source Ecosystems”
 - Sloan Foundation call for proposals at the institutional level. Collaborative work with Div IT and the Division of Research would be required. Possibility of BTAA institutions working together?

5. Opportunity to share your concerns

Holly will send out a survey

6. Old Business; update from Dean Adriene Lim about renovations and other issues

Adriene has received news that McKeldin will not be on the campus list for major state funding for the next several years, despite heavy advocating for this. Smaller-scale “spot renovations” will be investigated now, for example, repurposing an area on the first floor as a multifunctional lab.

Next meeting: 2 pm on Thursday, March 27

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