

# University Library Council (ULC)

Monday, May 8, 2023

1 - 2 pm online

**Attendees:** Jason Barron, Progyan Basu, John Bertot, Holly Brewer [Chair], Lindsay Inge Carpenter, Linda Coleman, Langan Courtney, Mark DeMorra, James Farquhar, Victor Galitski, Christopher Jarzynski, Ariene Lim, Dan Mack, Kate Maloney, David Tomblin

## 1. Welcome

## 2. Discussion of Renovation plans for libraries, small and large, especially approval process & plans for next year

Update from Adriene about smaller renovation projects

- Smaller renovations had been put on hold because there was the possibility of the Libraries being added to the campus major capital investments list. Adriene was informed that the Libraries are not on this list and the Provost has advised her that smaller renovation projects may now be proposed. These will include:
  - Furniture replacement in McKeldin
  - StoRi Lab, a multifunctional area on the first floor of McKeldin
  - Creating an improved Digitization Lab
  - Moving the Conservation/Preservation Lab to Hornbake. This Lab currently resides in the basement of McKeldin and is prone to frequent flooding and leaks
  - STEM library improvements
  - Rethinking space on the 5th floor of McKeldin. This was originally planned as an area for grad students in partnership with the Grad School but co-funding plans have been shelved.

Brief review of other renovation/ building plans that were funded and approved this year (by UMD-College Park and by the legislature)

- See [https://www.usmd.edu/usm/government-relations/2023\\_End\\_of\\_Session\\_Report.pdf](https://www.usmd.edu/usm/government-relations/2023_End_of_Session_Report.pdf)
- Projects partly funded with donor funding are noted as likely to be more successful than those without.
- How to make suggestions and strategize?
  - John will seek clarity from the Provost
- The group then split into Zoom Breakout Rooms for further discussion and brainstorming.

Group reports/thoughts included:

- To what extent does the entire building need to be redone?

Can we focus on meeting basic problems on some floors, on others do more substantive redesign?

Things to fix urgently

- mold, asbestos, lighting, water leaks
  - Safety
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- McKeldin does not represent what it should for the state's flagship research university
  - Meeting spaces
  - Importance of surveying undergraduate/graduate student users on their views of the space and its possibilities
  - Comparing use of McKeldin to ESJ -- ESJ is more modern, inviting

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