

University Library Council (ULC)

Thursday, February 6, 2024

1 - 2 pm

Attendees: Jason Baron, Sabrina Baron, John Bertot, Holly Brewer [Chair], Lindsay Carpenter, Shulamit Frenkel, Victor Galitski, Alexandra Kadis, Susan Kern, Kisa Lape, Adriene Lim, Dan Mack, Naomi Sachs

1. Call to order

2. Introductions

Members of the council introduced themselves.

3. Approval of minutes

Notes from the December 14, 2023 ULC meeting were approved and have been added to [Box](#).

4. Update from Dean Lim

a. Copyright Working Group (CWG)

The purpose of this cross-campus group is to discuss copyright issues affecting teaching, learning, research, publishing, and the sharing, licensing, and preservation of copyrighted works in higher education and libraries. It will meet at least once per semester.

The Provost suggested that this cross-campus group should be sponsored by both the Libraries and ULC. ULC members agreed that its mission aligns with ULC's ongoing active work on open access. ULC members received the group's scope of work statement after the meeting; it confirms that the CWG is sponsored by the Libraries and is a sub-group of ULC. ULC members who are interested in contributing are to contact Adriene.

Further discussion points included:

- AI and copyright issues.
- The European Union passes AI regulation. [EU AI Act: first regulation on artificial regulation](#).
- What is the role of libraries in this compared to the IT view?

b. Library Space Analysis and Planning

Campus funding for the study has been approved and an outside firm will carry out a space analysis. The steering group will be led by the Provost and a working group of around 8 people will provide their expertise to contribute to plans for a vibrant, functional and sustainable environment for library spaces. ULC members received the working group charge after the meeting. Those interested in participating in the group are to contact Adriene.

See also the [UMD Campus Facilities Plan](#) page 74.

There followed a discussion about funding the resulting improvement project. Kris Phillips, director of Facilities Planning will be invited to a future ULC meeting.

5. Issue for discussion

Digital Scholarly Journals and Preservation: "A Study of 7 Million Articles" has now been published in JLSC. What do we do about the serious preservation deficit in the digital scholarly record? See <https://www.iastatedigitalpress.com/jlsc/article/id/16288/> "

Discussion points include:

- Issues with the premise of the article - preserving in three different places. All of the Libraries' publishers use [CLOCKSS](#)
- Need to look at gray literature
- ARL initiative
- Hacking into the British Library. Archival copies of wills will be destroyed after digitizing.

6. Other issues of concern

- Censorship and book banning
- BIG Ten - how policies at other universities affect UMD students' access to items
- Retention of monographs
- More discussion about the records that the Libraries acquire

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