University Library Council (ULC)

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

9:30 - 11 am online

Attendees: Jason Baron, Progyan Basu, Lindsay Carpenter, Ira Chinoy, Linda Coleman, Langan Courtney, Mark Demorra, James Farquhar, Victor Galitski, Michele Lamprakos, Adriene Lim, Dan Mack, Gary White

Apologies: Holly Brewer, Christopher Jarzynski

1. ## Welcome and approval of November 9th meeting notes

   Notes were approved and have been added to Box. Please email Judi [jkidd@umd.edu] if you can't access the Box folder.

2. ## Presentation on Journal Subscription Prices and the Libraries' Budget [Associate Dean of Libraries Dan Mack]

   This item was deferred from November 9th due to lack of time.
   See Dan's presentation [attached to these notes and in Box]

   Questions asked/issues raised
   - The Libraries purchase a 'package' from Elsevier: Science Direct. It is possible to choose title by title but this is time consuming and requires campus-wide faculty input.
   - See also https://pact.umd.edu/news-updates/articles/umd-pact-releases-position-paper-journal-subscriptions-and-big-deals

   - Renegotiations begin in January for several Big Deals. More information to come.

   - Do units on campus contribute directly to the budget depending on their income?
     - The four units providing funds are listed on Dan's slide [slide 2]

   - Impact of Open Access on the Global South?
     - Incorrect perception of only positive outcomes
     - Disruptive to e.g. in Latin America - the Latin American publishing community has an OA policy but this is undermined by the commercial publishers used by North America, UK and EU
     - See also https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3624782
     - Possible topic for a Library sponsored Interdisciplinary Dialogue https://www.lib.umd.edu/research/events/dialogue
   - Researchers are often forced to publish in expensive, but high impact/prestigious, journals e.g *Nature,* as a condition of their grant funding or as part of tenure/promotion procedures

- Dan will provide a bibliography on this topic at a forthcoming ULC meeting

3. Continue our multi-session discussion about open scholarship, open science, open access

… with a focus during this meeting on:
- Key takeaways from NSF Updates on Public Access Policy as related to recent OSTP memo
    - ULC members received a transcript of the recent webinar. Distilled main points will be forthcoming. Self archiving will be permitted. UMD's Open Access Policy aligns with this
    - Requirement to make data publicly available. The Divisions of IT and Research, and the Libraries are coordinating on this issue. A campus-wide survey will be released in early 2023 to gauge type of data and size files to inform next steps

- PACT working on draft resolution derived from NASEM HELIOS
  UMD PACT is sponsored by ULC. Ongoing work includes this draft resolution; it will be workshopped and shared across campus in 2023. Commitment to begin a dialogue.

- TOME [Toward an Open Monograph Ecosystem]
  UMD TOME pilot extended to a second year. TOME@UMD is led by the University Libraries in partnership with the Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost, and the College of Arts and Humanities. Three open access long-form books written by UMD faculty have been published in the first year. Continuation of the national TOME group is expected to be announced soon.

4. Topics for future ULC meetings?

Please email Holly [hbrewer@umd.edu] and Adriene [ailim@umd.edu] with any suggestions, ideas, or areas of concern related to the Libraries.

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