

University Library Council (ULC)

Monday, November 6, 2023

1 - 2 pm

Attendees: Sabrina Baron, Holly Brewer [Chair], Lindsay Carpenter, Philip Cohen, Shulamit Frenkel, Victor Galitski, Alexandra Kadis, Susan Kern, Kisa Lape, Adriene Lim, Dan Mack, Tripti Sinha

1. Call to order

2. Introductions

Members of the council introduced themselves.

3. Approval of minutes

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

4. Update from Dean Lim

Adriene will retire on June 30, 2024.

See [Progress Report on UMD Libraries' Strategic Initiatives](#)

See also

- [Illumination](#) The magazine of UMD Libraries
- [Overview of the Libraries](#) - Mission, Vision, Values
- [Strategic Goals and Initiatives](#)
- [Collaborations and Innovations](#) including
 - StoRI Lab - the creation of a hub for research education
 - Living Democracy Initiative [includes expanded access to the Lawrence J. Hogan Sr. Archives] using the archives to protect and enhance democracy
 - 1856 Project - UMD has joined a consortium of colleges addressing historical issues of slavery

- Affordable Course Content Options @ UMD. Joint initiative with the Teaching & Learning Transformation Center aimed at reducing the cost of course materials for students

See also Adriene's presentation slides.

5. Brief discussion of PACT and issues surrounding open access

[UMD PACT](#) Publishing, Access, and Contract Terms; a group sponsored by the ULC. Members worked to enhance equitable access to scholarly publications and the UMD Senate approved the [Equitable Access Policy](#) in April 2022.

Open Access

- [Safeguarding Intellectual Freedom](#) webinar in August - over 800 people registered for this event.
- [Author Mariame Kaba gave a talk on Social Justice](#) on October 18. The university and the libraries received many challenges to this event; the campus administration supported the libraries' view that the event was supporting academic and intellectual freedom.
- A proposal has been submitted for the UMD Libraries to host the [Americans and the Holocaust](#) multimedia exhibition. President Pines wrote a letter of support for this event.
- The UMD Libraries have been included in the latest campus master plan.

In answer to a question, Adriene mentioned that the Provost is funding a campus-wide survey to collect data on all UMD libraries - e.g. use of space.

Dan Mack, Associate Dean of Collections gave a brief update.

- Annual \$9 million budget for collections. This is low compared to others in the Big Ten
- Over 90% is spent on Continuing Resources e.g. journals and electronic journals
- UMD Libraries are part of three major consortia
 - USMAI
 - [Big Ten Academic Alliance](#)
 - [NERL](#) NorthEast Research Libraries
- [Open Access Publisher Agreements and Journal Discounts](#) - use this link to see the list of journals covered by UMD Library agreements.

- Dan will present more information in a future ULC meeting.

6. Opportunity to share your concerns; survey to be sent out

Next meeting: 11 am - 12 noon on Wednesday, November 29. Hybrid: 6135 McKeldin and on Zoom

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