

University Library Council (ULC)

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

3 - 4 pm online

Attendees: John Bertot, Holly Brewer [Chair], Lindsay Carpenter, Linda Coleman, David Dahl, James Farquhar, Victor Galitski, Adriene Lim, Dan Mack, David Tomblin, Gary White

Apologies: Michele Lamprakos

1. Welcome

2. Approval of minutes from last meeting in February

Meeting notes from February 8, 2023 were approved and have been added to [Box](#).

3. Presentation by Dean Lim

The current status of President Biden's directive on open access (A.K.A the "Nelson Memo")

This presentation was given to a recent Deans Forum.

Implications for UMD:

- Focus groups with associate deans for research. Possible short survey. The group discussed possible "survey fatigue". Survey goal would be to gather data that is not available elsewhere from, for example, Faculty Success.
- Faculty should be aware of actions taken by Federal agencies relevant to their areas.

Discussion: publishers and publishing costs

- BTAA is working to coordinate and leverage all of their university presses. But UMD does not have a press; it is the only BTAA institution without a university press. A consortial approach is beneficial for scaling.
- Offering more digital publishing services - but this involves staffing and hosting costs

4. Presentation from Associate Dean Dan Mack

Dan gave a shorter presentation which he will finish next time because we were running out of time. He mentioned new agreements for read and publish and what they mean, about where to look before you sign publishing agreements. Query: How do we best communicate this information

Item deferred due to lack of time.

5. Discussion of survey feedback

Prior to the meeting, ULC members were asked to respond to a survey seeking feedback and suggestions on library issues. ULC chair, Holly Brewer, will send the group a list of the main points that emerged from that feedback.

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