

University Library Council (ULC)

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

10 - 11 am Online/Special Events Room, McKeldin

Attendees: Progyan Basu, John Bertot, Brian Butler [chair], Lindsay Inge Carpenter, Linda Coleman, Mark Demorra, Sushanth Gupta, John Laub, Michele Lamprakos, Adriene Lim, Dan Mack, Rochelle Newman, Marcio Oliveira, David Tomblin

Apologies: James Farquhar

Guests: Joni Floyd [Curator, Maryland & Historical Collections], Doug McElrath [Director, Special Collections & University Archives]

1. Welcome

Brian welcomed ULC members and guests; everyone introduced themselves and noted their campus affiliations.

Meeting notes from the last ULC meeting [January 26, 2022] were approved with minor edits, and have been uploaded to [Box](#) along with the inter-library loan presentation..

2. Dean's Update

Adriene shared the charge, timeline, and membership of the Libraries' Redefining Our Collections Task Force. ROCTF will examine how to best allocate library resources to support the teaching and research mission of the university. The task force is moving into phase two of its plan: to design a model tailored to UMD's needs and will involve consulting with partners external to the libraries. ULC members are encouraged to contact Dan Mack [dmack@umd.edu] if they are interested in participating.

Adriene noted that the Big Ten Academic Alliance [BTAA] is investigating new ways/models of purchasing and sharing library resources. As a member of BTAA, UMD Libraries would, potentially, be expected to contribute financially to setting up such new models thus putting more strain on our already limited financial resources.

On a side note, Adriene reminded ULC members that [UMD Libraries is part of the Federal Depository Library Program](#) that houses, and provides public access to, government information including census records and Congressional reports for the states of Maryland and Delaware and the State of Columbia. Adriene is a member of the [Federal Depository Library Program Task Force](#) investigating the possibility of moving to all-digital holdings. Such a move would have implications related to the Digital Divide, for example.

- Mark noted in Zoom Chat: regarding Digital Divide, digital literacy, etc. there is a major statewide project starting in Extension (funded by Governor's office and COVID relief funds) to educate the public about issues and connect underserved populations to resources, training, etc.
- Mark also noted his participation in the education portion of the above project. Marcio will follow up with Mark on the project.
- ULC members expressed interest in learning more about the FDLP and Adriene offered to invite Celina McDonald [Government Information & Criminology Librarian] to a future ULC meeting.

3. Equitable Access Policy VOTE

Prior to this meeting, ULC members received a copy of the Equitable Access Scholarly Articles Policy. The policy is the result of work by the cross-campus group [UMD PACT](#) [Publishing, Access, and Contract Terms] see also UMD PACT's [Equitable Access Policy FAQ](#). The policy has been workshopped at departmental/unit meetings across campus and was presented to the Senate in November 2021. ULC is a sponsor of UMD PACT and a formal vote in support of the policy will aid the process of putting it before the Senate for voting.

Prior to the vote, Adriene summarized the policy and answered a follow up question regarding the use of photographs and illustrations in manuscripts.

ULC members voted to endorse the policy:

In favor - 4 in person, 8 online

Opposed - 0

Abstaining - 0

4. Presentation on Project STAND - postponed

5. Presentation on 1856 Project

Joni Floyd [Curator, Maryland & Historical Collections], Doug McElrath [Director, Special Collections & University Archives] presented a slide deck [pdf attached] on the 1856 project which is part of the [Universities Studying Slavery international program](#).

Brian thanked Joni and Doug for their presentation.

Comments/follow up:

- Possible collaboration with the School of Architecture - Contested Monuments course
- Plans to look at the contemporary experience? Lae'l Hughes-Watkins, University Archivist and co-lead on the 1856 Project, is looking for gaps in the archival record. She has started an oral history program and has reached out to Black fraternity and sorority

groups, and Black faculty and alumni groups. Look out also for the forthcoming student activism exhibition in Hornbake Library.

- Joni explained that they are looking for more student representation on the project's advisory board.
- ULC members may share the slide deck with their colleagues.

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