

APPROVED Meeting Minutes - University Library Committee (ULC)
Wednesday, November 11, 2020; 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm
via zoom: meeting ID = 894 1707 2147

As approved by the ULC at its March 4, 2021 meeting

Attendees:

- Alaa Abdalla (Graduate Student Assembly)
- Joseph Bedford (Architecture and Urban Studies)
- Sophie Bogers (Vet Med Library & Instructional Tech Committee)
- Kira Gantt (Agriculture and Life Sciences)
- Hannah Hudson (VTC School of Medicine)
- Creed Jones (Electrical and Computer Engineering) *chair*
- Eric Kaufman (Agriculture Leadership)
- Lisa Kennedy (Geography)
- Rita McCandless (VTC School of Medicine)
- Lina Ni (School of Neuroscience)
- Leslie O'Brien (University Libraries)
- Lisa Smith (Office of Dean of University Libraries) *ex officio*
- Steven Tatum (University Libraries)
- Phillip Thompson (Dept of Management)
- Tyler Walters (Dean of University Libraries) *ex officio*
- Zhiwu Xie (Library, Chief Strategy Officer) *ex officio*
- Hyesoo Yoo (School of Performing Arts)

All attended remotely via Zoom

1. Welcome - chair
 - a. Committee position on recording meeting
 - b. No current request and no need to take action at this time. Meeting minutes suffice in large part. Some feeling that we don't want to stifle discussion. Prepared presentations can be recorded if agreed upon.

2. Approval of minutes of Sept 23, 2020 meeting - all
 - a. Minor modifications – motion Lisa, second Kira.
 - b. No objection to unanimous approval.

3. Update on Library usage and Big Deal negotiations - Leslie O'Brien
 - a. Presentation slides will be available.
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vQGueeMnVM84teeijOF3wXq7BNUdDRvbLaF19xO3YsIH0dF0KcLcx5Ji_6lrSKr_JBFTkNPUvmZRUOR/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=3000&slide=id.ga14d23584f_0_0
 - b. Significant budget cut in collections. Resource allocation. Project Counter is used to understand use of electronic resources. Metrics available are becoming more granular all the time. Reports by publisher and journal. One key (but not the only) metric is Cost Per Use (CPU). Review is continual.

- c. 2021 journal cancellation. Considered usage data. Journals were classified into “critical to keep”, “consider cancelling/future cancel” and “definite cancel”. Subject liaisons reviewed, and collected input from faculty and grad students, etc.
- d. Big Deal: Likely to have a cancellation of Elsevier. The support for the multi-institutional consortium buy of Elsevier is going away. This will cause a 50% or so reduction in the titles available from Elsevier, starting in Jan 2021. All of their content will still be available through ILL or direct purchase. All historic titles will still be available. Good to always remember to mention that ILL still makes these (and other) titles available. An announcement of the change will be coming soon. See <https://lib.vt.edu/oa-big-deal/presentations.html>. The library staff will draft and send to the committee a suitable announcement for this change, via email.
- e. Reach out to subject liaisons to inform them on upcoming teaching and research areas.
- f. For reference, ILL information is at <https://guides.lib.vt.edu/ill> .

4. Other Library updates

- Z. Xie

- a. Service statistics, as a snapshot.
 - i. Approx. 3.7M full-text article requests, and only 55K circulations (books, etc.). These trends are similar at comparable institutions ARL, largest 130 libraries in US and Canada).
 - ii. 1.66M “gate counts” in 2018-2019. About 50 per person per year, for the university community. Space is often tight; during finals week, some students bring sleeping bags.
 - iii. Library services have largely moved from resource sharing organization to a teaching/learning and research support organization. This work is largely one-on-one, and is more difficult to scale up.
 - iv. Most library research grants are not solely about library science but are cross-disciplinary with other fields.
 - v. When books are eliminated, what happens to them? They are sold in bulk. Books not accessed in five years are possibly moved to storage. Only books that we have multiple copies of will be eliminated.
 - vi. Grad students have requested extra space. Is there any possibility on the horizon? Currently, there is no budget to increase the space. If there is a way to rearrange for these needs, it will be done. The two quiet floors are available for grad students as well as undergrads. The grad study spaces are often more crowded than the general space. In 2019, there was one month that the room had 3000 uses. It has 100 seats so this is close to full capacity. Creative thoughts on how to maximize resource usage are welcomed. Perhaps a survey asking students “why is this room so desirable?”
- b. Email will be soon coming out with response to the CLAHS feedback.

5. COVID-19

- all

6. New business

- a. Library hours during winter break will follow the campus calendar. If the campus is closed, the library is closed.

7. Action Items - chair

8. Next Meeting - chair

- a. Try for a morning meeting next time – 9 or so.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Alaa, second: Phil Thompson. There was no discussion, and no objection to unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 1:24 PM.