University Libraries Committee  
Annual Report for 2020-2021

I. Committee Charge

The University Library Committee (ULC) reviews, consults and advises on, plans for, and receives reports and recommendations on the performance of library services, automation, budget, administrative structure, and allocation of resources. Responsibility for keeping the faculty, staff and students informed of major issues and for creating opportunities for the faculty, staff and students to discuss priorities also falls to the committee. See Faculty Policies and Procedures 6.46.B

II. Summary of Activities and Issues

a. Revised ULC charges, function and membership, updating language and aligning with function and structure of current committee
b. Explored and initiated use of MS Teams for ULC Committee communication between committee members and for ULC Meetings.
c. Provided suggestions for improved dissemination of information from ULC members to constituents
d. Approved remote attendance at ULC Meetings
e. Held (4) 30-minute discussions with Carrie Nelson on Open Access and Sustainable Publishing, following ULC meetings.
f. Reviewed the Libraries’ Annual report and Strategic Planning progress

III. Presentations to ULC

a. Libraries Overview and Service Update (Lisa Carter – September)
   i. Libraries by the Numbers (handout)
b. ULC Overview (Lisa Carter – September)
c. Digitization and ILL Report (Lee Konrad – October)
d. UW-Madison Libraries Strategic Directions Update (Lisa Carter – October)
   i. Strategic Directions (handout)
e. MINDS@UW & Public access to research data (Cameron Cook – November)
f. Libraries’ Contribution to Educational Continuity (Sheila Stoeckel – December)
g. Introduction to Libraries Micro-courses (Alex Stark – December)
h. Libraries’ Annual Report and Strategic Planning (Lisa Carter - December)
i. Patents and Trademark Support (Dave Bloom - February)
j. Graduate Student Survey and Libraries Support (Lesley Moyo, Todd Michelson-Ambelang - February)
k. Open Access Advisory Group (Carrie Nelson – February)
l. Open Access Discussion – Promoting Sustainable Publishing and Open Research (Carrie Nelson – November-February)
m. Memorial Sprinkler Project (Lisa Carter, Alex Johnson, Lesley Moyo – March)
n. Libraries Budget Reduction Presentation (Nancy Graff Schultz – April)

IV. Libraries Annual Report and COVID-19 Response

a. The annual report summarizes the Libraries 2020-2021 activities, services, and
achievements across the following areas:
   i. Excellence in Teaching and Educational Achievement
   ii. Excellence in Research and Scholarship
   iii. Living the Wisconsin Idea
   iv. A Vibrant Campus Community
   v. A High Performing Organization
   vi. COVID-19 Response

V. Outcomes
   a. ULC Charge, Membership and Function were revised and approved
   b. Open Access Advisory Group planned
   c. Remote attendance approved
   d. MS Teams piloted for communication between ULC members for 2020-2021. At May
   e. 2021 meeting ULC members indicated preference for Zoom over MS Teams as a meeting
      platform.

VI. Anticipated Priorities for 2020-2021
   a. Consider suggestions from ULC Subcommittee for better communication with ULC
      constituents, and continue to build on this work.
   b. Assist in Libraries’ assessment of digital media priorities and access to library resources
   c. Remain connected to Open Access Advisory Group to help inform discussions on
      sustainable publishing and open access issues for campus.
   d. Follow plans for remodeling and design of fire prevention and suppression systems
   e. Continued engagement with Libraries Strategic Plan and Facilities Master Plan
   f. Encourage UW-Madison faculty participation in Ithaka Faculty Survey
   g. Clarify relationship with Memorial Library Committee