

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
University Libraries Committee
March 7, 2019
Golda Meir Library
Director's Conference Room W115E

Attendance: Cheryl Baldwin, Martha Carlin - ULC Chair, Michael Doylen – UL Director, Adrian Dumitrescu, Elizabeth Jastrab, Erin Kaheny, Jesse Mclean, Hanyong Park, and Amanda Seligman

Excused: Richard Smiraglia, Hilary Snow, Nicolas Russell, and Susan Wade

Guest: Scott Silet, Senior Academic Librarian

1. Carlin called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2019 meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously with all members voting.
3. Chair's report

Jason Puskar is the new Graduate School representative and will attend our next ULC meeting on April 24.

Amanda Seligman announced, as Chair of the Search and Screen Committee for the Associate Vice Provost & Director of Libraries, that they received 15 strong candidates and will begin reviewing applications next Monday.

4. Library Director's report

Doylen reported the hire of Jan Donahou as the academic librarian at the UWM at Washington Co. Library.

Doylen provided a report regarding the decision by the University of California to end negotiations with Elsevier, one of the world's largest publishers of scholarly journals. Talks broke down around UC's effort to secure universal open access publishing of UC research. Doylen explained the significance of the decision and linked it to boycotts of Elsevier occurring elsewhere, most recently in Germany, Norway, and Sweden. The UWM Libraries has a five-year contract with Elsevier that will end in 2020. The contract was negotiated jointly with UW Madison and includes an annual 4.25% increase. In 2019, the Libraries is paying \$643,000 for access to Elsevier's Freedom Collection of 2,379 titles. This is the last of the "big deals" that the Libraries has with major, for-profit publishers, having broken up its deals with Springer Nature and Wiley in 2017 due to budget reductions. The Libraries will reassess the value of its package with Elsevier in the near future.

Doysten observed the following trends: funding agencies continue to increase pressure for more open access; libraries continue to break up their package deals with publishers in favor of à la carte options; and major, for-profit publishers continue to seek ways to monetize open access publishing as well as move into other markets (as demonstrated by Elsevier's recent acquisition of bepress, the company that owns a very popular platform that supports open publication of scholarly research).

5. Library restructuring update with Scott Silet

ULC welcomed Scott Silet, Senior Academic Librarian. Silet provided an overview of the College of General Studies and integration of the libraries at the branch campuses with the UWM Libraries. He described their collections, services, hours, and staffing levels. Doysten discussed the vision and guiding principles towards integration. He also noted some of the budgetary challenges, given that all UWM will not receive 100% of the funds presently allocated to its branch locations. Doysten and Silet described current efforts to migrate library data from all two-year institutions (System wide) to the seven receiving institutions during the week of May 27. Doysten will provide further updates to ULC in the near future.

6. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the committee, it was moved and seconded to adjourn at 3:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously with all members voting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Katrina Kozar