

Southern Connecticut State University
University Library Committee

ULC Meeting Minutes
April 11th, 2022 (on Teams)

Recorder: Nicholas Fedorchuk

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In Attendance: Steven Brady, Patrick Crowley, Nicholas Fedorchuk, Hayley Battaglia, Amy Jansen, Han Yu, Amy Smoyer, Cindy Schofield

I. Library Space Issues

The committee has been working on drafting a letter to the faculty senate regarding space issues in the library. That has temporarily been put on hold until the acting library director can discuss the issues directly with the provost.

II. Open Educational Resources (OER) Updates

The Northeast Open Educational Resources Summit is open to registration. The summit will take place online with workshop sessions and presenters between May 26th-May 27th.

III. Annual Report to the Provost

Committee members discussed the role of the ULC to advocate for the library and act as a conduit for library related information to be brought to the rest of the campus community. Additionally, the committee is a way for the rest of the university to bring ideas to the library faculty. The committee is also charged with providing the provost a yearly update on library activities and issues. Therefore, the committee began drafting a letter to the provost that summarizes the committee's discussions from this academic year. This letter is focused on three main topics: (1) The committee's discussions about the utilization of library space. In particular, the concern that student study space is being used for other purposes. (2) The library faculty's ongoing initiatives with open educational resources. (3) Library budget concerns related to the pandemic-accelerated switch to electronic resources, library subscription resources, and the supplies budget.