

ULC Meeting Minutes
December 12th, 2022 (on Teams)

Recorder: Nicholas Fedorchuk

Approved:

In Attendance: Zheni Wang, Elizabeth Wilkinson, Nicholas Fedorchuk, Hayley Battaglia, Amy Jansen, Amy Smoyer, Cindy Schofield, Lisa Bier, Laurie Bonjo

Absent: Steven Brady, Carrie Michalski, Jess Gleason, Christopher Sheehy

I. Approval of Minutes

October 10th, 2022 meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

II. Discussion of Library Director Search

An electronic feedback form was used to formally establish input from the ULC committee members regarding the three campus-visiting candidates for the new library director position. A recommendation of finalist has already been made to the provost by the search committee of Buley Library and the Spring newsletter will announce the search result for the library director position. The finalist will be undergoing the final procedures of hiring and contracting hopefully expected in the winter with a potential start in mid-Spring semester. However, this timeline is tentative.

III. Brief Report on ULC's Fall Semester

One of the main activities of the committee this semester was to help our librarian colleagues for the search for a new library director. ULC members participated in the search and provided feedback. The committee has also focused on asking departments about their journal/database/archival/research needs and to provide that feedback to the library in the Spring. The committee also discussed open access journal publications. When Article Process Charges (APC) is paid using the library as a central processing agent, there are possible discounts. However, there are payment issues raised by the university's procurement service for open-access journals governed by overseas laws for online licensing and access service provided. The committee discussed ways to make publishing open access more accessible for faculty for greater impact of ongoing research and to recognize publications made by faculty in open access journals.

IV. Interim Library Director's Report on Fall Semester

Large portion of the library faculty's time was spent with searches for the new Buley library director, an education specialist, and evening supervisor positions. A copy of the [Buley Bulletin](#)¹ (Fall 2022) will be released today summarizing library activities this past semester. A standardized statement regarding Buley service is published and suggested to all teaching faculty to add to their course syllabi. In addition, library faculty are working on hosting an author celebration in collaboration with the provost's office on April 14th.

V. Discussion of Ideas for Making the Library "The Heart of Campus"

The committee is continuing to explore ideas for making the library at the center of the campus community. The interim director discussed how a computer science capstone class recently recorded a 3D tour of the library building that will be available online. The committee also discussed how many students are introduced to the library during first year experience but then forget how to effectively utilize the library resources later on. Ideas that were discussed to address this included the inclusion of a library syllabus statement (see Section IV) and suggesting that faculty add a link to subject specific library resources on Blackboard. Another idea that was put forward was to suggest faculty have a reintroduction to library resources during W-courses to align the writing goals designed for 300- and 400- level writing intensive courses across the undergraduate curricular.

¹ https://libguides.southernct.edu/ld.php?content_id=69803514