

**ULC Meeting Minutes**  
October 11th, 2021 (on WebEx)

Recorder: Nicholas Fedorchuk

Approved:

In Attendance: Steven Brady, Amy Smoyer, Han Yu, Cindy Schofield, Patrick Crowley, Nicholas Fedorchuk, Carrie Michalski, Clara Ogbaa, Hayley Battaglia, Melanie Savelli

I. Minutes Approved

We approved the minutes from the September 13th, 2021 meeting (Steven Brady motioned to approve, Cindy Schofield seconded).

II. Introductions

New members Han Yu, FIN, M'24 (BUS) and Amy Smoyer, SWK, M'24 (UCF Representative) were welcomed and a brief tour of the ULC blackboard organization page was given.

III. ULC Bylaws and Constitution

It was decided that the ULC bylaws and constitution do not need to be updated this semester since new revisions were made and approved last academic year.

IV. Open Educational Resources

The director pointed out that the library is lagging behind similar institutions and community colleges in investments towards open educational resources. Over 100 students checked out textbooks this semester and greater access may help students who struggle financially. The committee discussed the availability of open access materials and the possibility of putting electronic textbooks on reserve. The committee also discussed the possibility of faculty grants for open educational resources or a faculty development workshop to bring greater awareness of open access resources to faculty.

V. CSCU Copyright Guide

A new guide for faculty has been created for the CSCU system on the use of licensed materials. This can be found on the OpenCSCU website.

VI. Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Libraries

The CSCU system office is creating a guide for equity, diversity, and inclusion issues that are specifically related to libraries such as recruitment, hiring, space, and resource

allocation. The SCSU library director, Clara Ogbaa, will be co-chairing the committee responsible for this guide and would like to hear any faculty suggestions.

VII. Library Space Allocation

The director indicated that space in the library is increasingly being taken from student study spaces and given to departments or faculty offices at the provost's request. Previous ULC meetings have focused on this issue, as the library is one of the only spaces on campus for students to study. A programmatic review of what makes sense in a library was discussed. A tour of the library space allocation was previously given to a member of the space committee but not further action has been taken. The library faculty are going to create a list that outlines the problem and possible solutions. The ULC is planning to discuss the topic further and draft a letter to the provost at the next meeting.