

August 2016

## University Libraries Report

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A meeting was held on 19 Aug 16. Malcolm Barnard, Undergraduate Student Representative\*, Toby Graham, University Librarian and Associate Provost, Daniel Hill, School of Public & International Affairs\*, David Hurley (Chair), College of Veterinary Medicine\*, Kristina Jaskyte Bahr, School of Social Work\*, Peggy Kreshel, Grady College of Journalism & Mass Communication\*, Akela Reason, The Department of History\*, Laura Rhicard, Staff Council Representative, GA Museum of Art\*, Sonja West, School of Law\*, Nan McMurry, Head of Libraries Collection Development, Jason Battles Deputy University Librarian and Head of Technology, Mollie Armour, Libraries Executive Assistant were present, but a quorum of voting members were not present to allow for official voting. (\* voting members)

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### Collections and Access:

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- b. Through our statewide GALILEO consortium, the Libraries has access to two new e-book packages from EBSCO and ProQuest (ebrary), adding about 250,000 titles.
- c. Based on a UGA-wide survey of faculty and students by department, respondents prefer to use journals electronically, but most still prefer to use books in print. The life sciences are the exception, preferring e-books to print. The Libraries will continue to acquire a blend of the two. Toby Graham indicated that one way that we will add to our e-book collection is by joining the Hathi Trust, which includes access to about 2 million public-domain works with disability access to millions more.
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Facilities:

- a. The 3rd floor of the Science Library has been renovated creating additional learning commons space with mobile furniture, power posts, and seating for 200 people. The space opened the first week of classes and already is heavily used. To accommodate this change, many pre-2000 print journals have been permanently shifted to the Libraries’ Repository, and we temporarily moved books to another storage location. All offsite materials continue to be available via request, and the majority of journals permanently shifted the Repository are already available electronically.
- b. Plans are underway to install a coffee shop in the lobby of the Science Library by spring semester.
- c. At the request of the Student Government Association, we are considering a pilot of 24 hour operation at the Science Library during finals week.
- d. The Carnegie Library Learning Center recently won a Historic Preservation Award, given by the Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation.

Teaching:

- a. About 17,000 student attendees received library instruction classes last year through about a thousand sessions.
- b. The Special Collections Libraries Faculty Fellows program, funded in part by CTL has been a success in its first year.
- c. The Willson Center Digital Humanities Lab (DigiLab) on the third floor of the Main Library supports students and faculty supports research, teaching and learning related to digital scholarship. Dr. Emily McGinn has served as its coordinator since January.

Assessment:

- a. The Libraries’ University Support Unit Review (SUR) is taking place this Fall. Members of the SUR Committee are David Hurley, Stephen Berry, and Jean Bertrand.
- b. The Libraries also are implementing a university-wide user survey known as LibQual this September. (This takes place every 3 years.) This survey will help the Libraries assess feedback in regard to collections, user experience, services, facilities, etc as evidence for the Unit Review.

Fair Labor Standards Act

- a. Requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act will affect a large number of library classified staff, moving many from monthly exempt employees to non-exempt biweekly employees. We currently await an announcement at the University level regarding how this will be implemented.

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To follow up this discussion, this committee needs to consider the following questions:

- a. What types of documentary items do faculty and students generate that would benefit from having a neutral, but protected system of access?
- b. What standard file formats, that would stand the test of a reasonable period of time (such as PDF, GIF, WAV, animation and movie standard files) would make the effort to store them for future access worth the effort?
- c. What steps would need to be taken to provide faculty and students recognition and documentation of their scholarly efforts for external review under a controlled access process?
- d. What types of document links could be implemented to maximize the capacity to share and utilize the scholarly work, but protect the IP of the work for the Institution and creators?
- e. How can we collect the information necessary to assess the value of the information that the answers to the above questions would generate?

3. The committee members were encouraged to take this discussion back to their departments in order to better answer the questions posed here and if there is interest and a need for such a local repository. Further, to gain insight as to how the faculty, staff and students feel about the Library as the “home” of such a repository.

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Remarks to the University Council

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