

University Committee on the Libraries  
Meeting Minutes  
11/3/2022  
Called to order by Daryl Thompson  
17 members in Zoom attendance

- Checked that the April minutes were approved in the previous 10/4/22 meeting
- Secretary elected (ran without opposition): Sabrina Curley, COGS representative
- BTA Wiley subscription and authorship fee subscription
  - Big 10 libraries planning on releasing full statements for results of these renegotiations
  - Unanimously voted for new agreement with Wiley, which owns 600+ journals. A broad range of disciplines covered within these journal topics.
  - PC (article processing charges). These are costs are charged to researchers for having their work listed as open access articles.
  - In addition to regular inflation changes at these negotiations, now bringing up the large PC values (can be in range of \$1,000-\$10,000 for an article; average of \$2800).
  - There is a desire to have open access articles from the university perspective, as have noted examples pointing to an increase in author citations when articles are open access.
  - PC now included within the Big 10 libraries subscription; applicable when the first author is Big 10 person
  - Applicable to publishing in all Wiley journals. Begins for 2023-2025 cycle. This is a 3-year contract.
  - Calculated \$10.4 - \$21.1 million savings across the Big 10 with this new contract. Cost avoidance that other faculty/researchers would have to pay for having their work be open access.
  - Still have many other large journal families out there were this “included PC” have not yet been negotiated and the PC still falls to the faculty/researchers.
  - Susan Kendall heavily involved in these negotiations. Noted that 140 recently published articles already have taken advantage of these eliminated PCs. PDF Flyer available for explaining these and other publisher negotiations benefits – links to website.
  - <https://lib.msu.edu/about/collections/scholcomm/support/>
  - In absorbing the PC costs, bring more sustainability to this publishing process to disseminate research findings.
    - Brought up medical images issues (anatomy). Raw, non-marked-up images that are not available
    - Changes from older textbook method where CDs available vs current digital only versions that lack the raw data
    - <https://libguides.lib.msu.edu/healthsciencesimages>
    - Background on PC: Content can be free but have to still find way to finance the process.
    - Selling content vs publishing where authors keep ownership under creative commons.

- Paid upfront to make article open access to still cover the publishing house's costs of operation
    - Brought up differentiation between predatory and non-predatory journals/publishers
    - <https://lib.msu.edu/about/collections/scholcomm/scams/>
- General Updates
  - Communication to go out soon to deans
    - Annual faculty publication reception (films, edited volumes, musical compositions, monographs – not really journal articles).
    - Planned for September, Friday lunchtime event
    - Have faculty self-report these publications: performances, CDS, etc.
    - Library has an endowment to purchase 2 copies of each faculty's work. Acquire these so faculty works are in the collection; eventually these will move into the stacks.
    - Have the MSU scholars database as a source of information for library to collect.
    - <https://lib.msu.edu/collections/hollander/>
  - Continued searches for positions
    - Head of music library in mid-stream
    - Teaching and learning librarians (4 candidates to visit next week)
    - Engineering library position previously posted – need to repost – difficult to attract for this position
    - Digital scholarship lab librarian position also to be reposted
    - In spring, plan to post for additional librarians, but want to secure previously stated roles beforehand
  - Library closed between Christmas and new years as well as MLK day
  - Folio and EDS
    - Morning glory update rolled out and implemented several days ago
    - All updates to this system named after a different flower
    - Addresses multiple problems from previous versions with this new release
    - New books shelf in library – has been very empty for months. New system cannot handle way that new books have to be entered to have them move into main circulation. Will soon have new books appear on the new bookshelf in the physical library space
  - Still in process of waiting for more information regarding on renovations
  - Fantastic return on recently sent-out survey - over 2000 responses. More than half were students, providing detailed completed surveys. Over 400 faculty responses. College of social sciences had the most responses returned followed by Nat Sci.
- Meeting adjourned