

Minutes for UCL Meeting October 30 2023

Members					
<i>Codes:</i> (P) Present		(A) Absent	(R) Regrets	(TL) Chair/Leader	(REC) Secretary
Neil Romansky	P	Yasumasa Komori	P	Joshua Sanchez	P
Jackie Iseler (Chair)	P	Weiming Li	P	Mary Schueller	A
Sabrina Curley (Secretary)	P	Sid Mane	P	Ryan Shaw	P
Sydney Longsdon (replacing Emilia Breuning)	P	William McCarthy	P	Jacob White	A
Janine Certo	A	Terri Miller	A	Lynn Wolff	P
Shiyong Ding	A	Todd Moyerbrailean	P		
Tina Fawaz	P	Jeffery Nanzer	P		
Lisa Fine	A	Kathleen Oberst	A		
Timothy Innes	P	Annette O'Connor	P		
Susan Kendall	P	Issac Record	P		

(18 members + 1 guest total on Teams)

Meeting called to order by Jackeline Iseler at 10:01am

Approval of Agenda:	Moved: William	Seconded: Sabrina	In Favor: ALL	Opposed: None	Abstain: None
Approval of Minutes:	Moved: Wiliam	Seconded: Issac	In Favor: ALL	Opposed: None	Abstain: None

Neil: Extended thanks to members serving as chair and secretary.

Updates: October 17th, Elizabeth Demers started as director of MSU press; several years ago MSU press was brought into the library's domain.

Facilities: Starbucks in main library has more delays. Countertop installation issue leads to a likely opening in January. The center for teaching and learning innovation moved into 2nd floor. This is not yet open; finishing door lock installations.

Last week meet with Marlon Lynch - safety and security of university to discuss initiatives in university to have better safety security. Doing walkthroughs and audits of library spaces (main and business) to get recommendations on considerations, e.g. cameras and perimeter doors. Want to balance privacy in library with patron safety.

3 East construction project (Special collections) is a bit behind from supply chain issues with expected completion in November 2024.

Emilia Marcyk-Taylor (special guest) - Head of reference and discovery services

- Presentation of redesign of the discovery website.
- Go to library website. Have large search box on home page. Will search most of resources. This is good for basic exploratory searching and known item searching. Will give resources in all source types. In catalog interface, can do more refined search. Also can search by title of DOI.
- Advanced search under main search box (most librarians go directly here). Have more control over what is being searched and can construct a more complex search.

- Catalog: switch to new integrated library system showed catalog not up to task. Internally worked on this task, using open source VuFind. Overall have better experience with this. Most frequent problem: Links that don't follow to desired website.
- (Showed example of search using this interface) title, availability status, where located, call number, browsing "get this" to request a page, can request office delivery, can request article scan. These are all available from the search results page. Can click for description, subjects assigned, similar items etc.
- Some confusion: It is important to click on institutional login to get through MSU NetID screen.
- Can now renew everything at once! Don't have to do individual renew anymore. If logged into library account, can create custom list of saved items. A good tool. Good step before using a citation manager.
- Have numerous ways of getting in contact with library if have questions of if have an article to starting a comprehensive literature review on a topic. Have technical support and network help. Can always get redirected to appropriate department (e.g. IT or subject matter librarian). Peer research assistant program – undergrads helping undergrads in the library.
- Issac Question: share saved item lists? (don't know if possible to share saved item lists)
- Sabrina: lots of interesting titles in the examples. Emilia: lots of long fantasy
- Jackline: have PowerPoint in chat but needs permission. Fixed.
- Susan: caveats about ebooks – lack of call numbers classification, etc., more advanced research items? Idea to use more keywords to find ebooks easier. Currently ebook vs print book treated different in the catalog system. Potential to accidentally miss out on ebook resources. Emilia: searching for known ebook is easy but not unknown ebooks in a field. Recommends if searching for ebooks, should reach out to librarians. Not the interface's fault, but more on the data that is received for ebook vendors. Relying on metadata from vendors of ebooks as opposed to manually adding descriptors to print books. Sometimes link in catalog will link to wrong resource. Have to go through the vendor – can't just fix on library's end.
- Lynn - 85% acquisition budget going to ebook electronic resources. How does this mesh with the ebook searching ability.? Other work arounds? Want this to be an issue of awareness. Option to put pressure on publishers to help this issue?
- Emilia: Had vendor visit last week. Got brought up several times at those meetings. Concerns on metadata and discovery of available materials.
- Susan: recommend grad students not using just subject headings in search. Otherwise one will miss the ebook resources. Not an ideal situation. Recommend doing wider range of search. This is a complex problem – not just one place that could fix everything,. Purchasing huge packages of ebooks, amount catalog can take in loading records in given time period. This is a top priority, but will take long to fix, make ~1 year or more. Again recommend keyword search and not solely use just article search. Recommends using subject specific databases instead.
- Emilia: mentions example of a psychology database – can search using the type of study as a filter. But larger not specialized databases don't have the same nuance of control on how to search. Lack of filtering that would be useful for a given discipline.
- Lynn: Noted uphill battle with grad students – how to get to use specific databases. E.g. JSTOR vs a more specific database.

- Sabrina: Mentions utilizing different databases for different search types – just dipping in toes/more generalized search vs going in deep on topic (google scholar vs a more specific database)

Neil: want to continue discussion to have ongoing improvements.

Jackline: Round robin time where people can mention colleges, updates and concerns as necessary. After each update, the speaking person calls on another to continue the updates.

- Neil: Gave reminder that these don't have to just be library-based, e.g. teaching and research in departments also of interest.
- Timothy: Introduces a librarian in the law library. 1st meeting. Introduction of self and position.
- Jackeline: Appreciation of members who secured recent acquisitions.
- Joshua: Head of user experiences. 2nd time on committee. Rep of library steering committee.
- Todd: Nothing much to share. Liked the presentation.
- Lynn: Talked about history and cultural interplay, as well as how to have electronic resources that area available. Option to pass on PowerPoint as good research for instruction (Emilia approved this).
- Issac: Stretch goal for library – help shift faculty thinking so emerging technology is as easy as connecting students to subject librarians, primary/secondary sources etc. Want faculty to be comfortable so they can recommend these opportunities to students.
- William: No updates, happy Halloween
- Annette: Mentioned interest areas of open access publishing and also to research systematic reviews
- Tina: Undergrad student working at library.
- Sabrina: Interest in having a condensed walkthrough of today's presentation on search page. Also happy Halloween.
- Yasumasa: No updates.
- Jeffery: Has been on this committee for few years.
- Weiming: Joined committee by mistake (thought it was a book club). Enjoys being on the committee. Sends sympathies for the delay in the coffee shop. Had lab renovation that went from 1 year to 3 years.
- Ryan: Nothing to add.
- Susan: Want to encourage people to talk about what is going on in the colleges, what are the needs. Affects what gets done in the libraries. Interest in research data of libraries, open access, etc.
- Sydney: undergrad representative. Replacing previous undergrad rep Emilia Breuning. Stated having more information of the databases on library page would be useful.

Neil: Gave summary of meeting and things that have been learned regarding library updates. Have been generating a list of topics that can be addressed by the libraries through hearing about departmental/college interests e.g. in teaching and learning, new positions and staffing in the library. Want to prioritize things that are of interest to the university constituents.

Motion to adjourn:	Time: 10:55	Moved: William	Second: Issac	In Favor: All	Opposed: None	Abstain: None
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