

**Senate Library Committee  
Minutes  
February 24, 2015**

**Present**

Sheila Alexander, Nusing/ATC; Fern Brody, ULS; Aaron Brenner, Administrative Services; Sheila Corral, SIS; Tim Deliyannides, ULS; Barbara Epstein, HSLs; Rhobert Evans, Epidemiology; Tin-Kan Hung, Engineering; Andrea Ketchum, HSLs; Jonah McAllister-Erichson, ULS ; Marc Silverman, Law; Scott Tashman, Orthopedics

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm.

**Barco Law Library Updates (Marc Silverman)**

- The library underwent a “Federal Depository Inspection” for the first time in 14 years. The inspection went well, but questions were raised concerning the lack of printers available to members of the public.

**HSLs Updates (Barbara Epstein)**

- The library will host an exhibit entitled, “Native Voices,” developed by the National Library of Medicine, from March 17<sup>th</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>. The multi-media presentation will explore native peoples’ concepts of health and disease.

**HSLs Open Access (Andrea Ketchum)**

- The basic business model for Open Access is for the payment to be collected from the production side rather than the consumer side.
- Benefits of Open Access include improved dissemination, enhanced interdisciplinary research, greater efficiency and higher citation rates. Overall, the research investment is maximized, which makes Open Access attractive to funders.
- Well-known Open Access publishers include BioMed Central (BMC), Public Library of Science (PLOS) and Hindawi. Their article processing charges (APCs) range from \$0 - \$2,900. The University of Pittsburgh’s University Library System (ULS) has agreements with BMC and Hindawi to assist with BMC and Hindawi APCs. Contact ULS for more information.
- Other business models have emerged as follows: the hybrid model charges an APC to publish Open Access within a subscription journal; PeerJ charges a membership fee to publish; eLife is supported entirely by funders; and F1000Research offers immediate publication and open peer review.
- Copyright remains with the author in Open Access, using the legal framework of Creative Commons licensing.
- To avoid “predatory publishers,” check for positive indicators such as a valid address, clear fees, accurate contact information and recognized editorial board members. A final check would be finding the journal in UlrichsWeb, a subscription resource available to Pitt faculty, staff and students.

- For an overview of Open Access, see the HSLs Open Access LibGuide at <http://hsls.libguides.com/scholarlycommunication/openaccess>.

### **ULS Open Access (Tim Deliyannides)**

- Key points were presented from a previous Pitt seminar by neuroscientist and Open Access advocate, Erin McKiernan, available at <http://d-scholarship.pitt.edu/23441>.
- The University's Open Access website is at <http://openaccess.pitt.edu>.
- Local OA awareness rising; annual OA Week celebration.
- Subsidy of OA author fees (<http://library.pitt.edu/about-open-access-author-fees-fund>).
- OA journal publishing (<http://library.pitt.edu/e-journals>).
- OA subject-based repositories (<http://library.pitt.edu/subject-based-archives>).
- Support for the development of Open Source publishing software.
- Advocacy for OA at national and international levels.

### **Pitt/CMU Collaboration**

- Two representatives on the Library Committee (Fern Brody and Barbara Epstein) serve on the five member task force evaluating any possible collaboration. The group has met several times and is surveying the opinions of faculty members across both campuses. An interim report is tentatively planned for late March/April.

### **Library/UPress Committee Merger**

- No support was expressed for this merger. No overlap in expertise is apparent.
- It was also noted that the committee was rarely mired in issues relating to information access (domain of the Computer Usage Committee), or to physical plant activities.

### **Security Check - New Employees**

- New employees (and eventually, we believe all employees) need to successfully complete a security check. The list of employees includes student workers, many of whom will work in the library. This may swamp the system at the start of the fall semester. The process is slow and waiting for state clearance may delay a prospective employee from starting work. The cost of the security check is \$50, which will be borne by the Barco Law Library and ULS for students.
- Concerns were raised that the University's requirement for security checks was too broad, e.g., for all employees in a group, although most will never come into contact with children. Advice from HR would be appreciated.

**Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 pm.