Meeting Synopsis

1) Call to order
2) Review of the minutes from January 9, 2019
3) Elsevier discussion – Betsy Wilson
4) Good of the order
5) Adjourn

1) Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

2) Review of the minutes from January 9, 2019

The minutes from January 9, 2019 were approved as written.

3) Elsevier discussion – Betsy Wilson

Betsy Wilson, Vice Provost for Digital Initiatives & Dean of University Libraries, updated the council on the University of California’s termination of their contract with Elsevier as well as the University of Washington’s current contract with Elsevier (Exhibit 1). Corey Murata, Director of Collections Analysis and Strategy, shared that the UW will enter contact negotiations with Elsevier in the upcoming weeks, and he is hopeful to have more details by the summer.

Wilson commented that they have met with the Board of Deans and Chancellors and will also meet with the Association of Research Librarians. Wilson stated that it will be valuable to have a shared statement from the Faculty Senate and the University Libraries before entering negotiations with Elsevier. The chair shared that he spoke with faculty members from the UC system, and they also expressed that it was important for faculty to be on board with open access. Joe Janes, acting Faculty Senate chair, noted that the Faculty Senate is likely to support a joint resolution and offered support from the Faculty Senate leadership. He mentioned that there may be pushback from faculty members who opposed the open access resolution.

Wilson further shared that the Provost is in favor of the Libraries pursuing a better deal for all “big deal” contracts.

A member asked if the negotiation team would consult with the UC library representatives. Members also discussed whether the council should draft a resolution to put before the Faculty Senate.
A member asked if Elsevier contracts could be revealed under a public records request. Murata responded that public institutions in Washington state are required to release those documents.

Joe Janes, Acting Faculty Senate Chair, asked if the Libraries have received pushback or concerns from faculty members. Murata responded that to his knowledge the libraries have not received comments. A member asked if librarians who service the medical school have reservations concerning slower document delivery (less than 48 hours). Wilson and Murata responded that this is a concern and something they are considering as they move forward.

Discussion questions:
- What questions do you have about UW’s big deal negotiations? What questions do you think your faculty will have?
- What options and models are you interested in learning more about?
- What is the best way to continue this conversation?

4) Good of the order

The chair shared that the next meeting will take place at UW Tacoma pending an available room.

5) Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

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Minutes by Lauren Hatchett, lehatch@uw.edu, council analyst

Present: Faculty: Trent Hill, Julie Nicoletta, Michael Kucher
Ex-officio reps: Jackie Belanger
President’s designee: Betsy Wilson
Guests: Ellen Barker, Gordon Aamot, Joe Janes, Corey Murata

Absent: Faculty: Douglas MacLachlan, Richard Furman
Ex-officio reps: Angelia Miranda, Deci Evans, Kate O’Neill

Exhibits

Exhibit 1 – FCUL Meeting 2019-04-10.pptx
University of California/Elsevier Developments & Implications for UW

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Betsy Wilson, Vice Provost and Dean of Libraries
Denise Pan, Associate Dean for Collections & Content
Corey Murata, Director, Collection Analysis and Strategy
Outline

Context
• About Elsevier and other major big deal publishers
• How and why other institutions/systems are breaking Big Deals

UW / Elsevier
• Current status and implications
• Next steps and campus engagement
The Serials Crisis: Unsustainable & Inequitable

**Increasing serials expenditures**

**Decreasing funds for other collection and service needs**

An issue for ALL Libraries since the 90s - UW is no exception

* Budget forecast & hypothetical flat budget scenario

**Exhibit 1**
Big Deal Cancellations: Two Examples

Budget-driven

Big Deal is replaced with individual subscriptions to high-use journals

Tied to a pivot to ‘Open’

Combine subscription license and payment of OA fees, sometimes called “offsets” or “read and publish”

https://sparcopen.org/our-work/big-deal-cancellation-tracking/
Elsevier

- A Dutch information and analytics company (RELX)
  - Focus on scientific, technical, and medical information
  - Publishes annually more than 470,000 articles in 2,500+ journals
  - Profit margin of 37% in 2018
University of California Negotiations

Process: Time & staff intensive
Began preparing in 2015
Six-person negotiation team
  • Three faculty, three libraries-based
Significant outreach effort throughout the process (and prior)
  • Organized events and town halls
  • Hired communications experts to disseminate the message

Goals: Cost reduction + offsets
1) Reduce subscription costs
2) Secure full and immediate open access for all UC-authored content
3) Negotiate a contact that integrates traditional subscriptions and Article Processing Charges (Read & Publish)
Read and Publish

• Package subscription replaced by an OA publish fee and a read fee
• OA Publish fee is calculated by multiplying the estimated number of articles published by the institution’s authors by a negotiated APC
• Read fee is a negotiated fee for read access to all journals/articles published by the publisher
• There may be a separate negotiated rate or discount for Gold OA publishing
  • Payment for Gold OA APCs is typically not included in the publish fee in the agreement
Implications for UW
University of Washington and Big Deals
UW Big Deal Negotiations 2019

• **Three** journal packages - **Elsevier ScienceDirect, Springer Nature, and SAGE** - scheduled to **end December 31, 2019**
• Combined cost ~$4M nearly 25% of total publically-funded collections budget
  • **Elsevier**: ScienceDirect and Scopus are our single largest and most expensive contractual agreement. We negotiate directly with Elsevier
  • **Springer and SAGE**: negotiated via regional consortia, the Orbis Cascade Alliance (39 colleges and universities in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho)
  • Current publisher agreements do **not** allow us to disclose terms
• Unsustainable publisher annual price increases averaging 5-6% (compared to the 1.5 - 2% rate of inflation)
According to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*

UW is #12 among 4-year public institutions that spend the most (25%) on Subscriptions
UW Negotiation & Licensing Priorities

• Unsustainable costs
  Budget realities
• Non-disclosure
  Market transparency
• Interlibrary loan
  Resource Sharing
• Sustainable scholarship

• Privacy and data security
• Accessibility
• Support for Open Access
  Re-use & embargo free deposit rights
• 3-year agreement
  Market flexibility
Campus Engagement

• Upcoming meetings
  • Faculty Council on University Libraries on April 10, 2019

• Discussion questions
  • What questions do you have about UW’s big deal negotiations? What questions do you think your faculty will have?
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Thank You! Questions?

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Appendix

Additional Information
UW Sustainable Scholarship
Catalysts for Changing the Ecosystem

Strategic Actions
• Support for UW Faculty Open Access Resolution
• Developing shared understanding across campus
• Opportunity to join with community and colleagues

UW Libraries Response @ http://www.lib.washington.edu/dean/

As we navigate the changes and upheavals in scholarly communication, the Libraries will continue to share information about collections needs, fiscal responsibility and the implications of contracts with UW faculty. With our partners in the UW teaching and research community, we will identify the most effective communication channels to engage in conversations about issues and potential outcomes.
Elsevier Cancellations in the News


Responses from
- Florida State University https://www.lib.fsu.edu/elsevier-changes
- University of Virginia https://news.library.virginia.edu/2019/03/07/six-things-uva-researchers-need-to-know-about-the-uc-system-walking-away-from-elsevier/