

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK

PUBLISHING, ACCESS, AND CONTRACT TERMS (UMD PACT) WORKING GROUP

---A SUBGROUP OF THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY COUNCIL (ULC)---

Charge, Structure, and Membership

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Charge – Our current scholarly publishing and communication ecosystem is in crisis. University of Maryland researchers are on the front lines of developing innovative solutions to urgent problems that threaten the well-being and health of the planet and people across the globe. Yet, trends in international publishing make it increasingly difficult to provide equitable access to the publicly funded research that can help our communities thrive and make our lives better. In this context, the **Publishing, Access, and Contract Terms (UMD PACT)** working group, a subgroup of the University Library Council (ULC), will convene to carry out the following charge. The working group is sponsored jointly by the ULC, the Office of the Provost, Faculty Affairs, and the Division of Research.

- **Review** current and changing University of Maryland’s scholarly publishing practices, licensing terms, and contracts.
- **Consult** with faculty and administrators via focus group interviews, surveys, and other means to gather input and feedback about scholarly communication issues, ideas, and challenges.
- **Consider** how the Senate, Academic Affairs, Faculty Affairs, and the Libraries can lead and collaborate with others, including the University System of Maryland (USM), the Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA), and other consortia, to improve equitable access to the University of Maryland's research and scholarship.
- **Recommend** a new framework for licensing of scholarly content and the means by which more equitable access to the University of Maryland’s scholarly publishing and data can be achieved.

Sponsors – Senate-based University Library Council (ULC), Provost Mary Ann Rankin, Vice President Laurie Locascio

Co-Leaders – Adriene Lim, Dean of Libraries, and Holly Brewer, Professor, History, ARHU

Timeline – April 2020 through February 2022. The initiative will have three phases:

- Phase 1 – April 2020 through Fall 2020 – Review and consultation
- Phase 2 – Winter 2021 – Library members of the group will compile the data and information gathered during Phase 1, and will prepare for Phase 3
- Phase 3 – Spring 2021 through December 2021 – Discuss issues and devise recommendations; draft report and distribute it for comments
- Deliver final report to ULC and other sponsors by February 2022

Meetings – UMD PACT is expected to meet once a month with a typical meeting held for 90 minutes. Work may be performed via virtual means asynchronously, given the predicted challenges with scheduling additional face-to-face meetings.

Recommendations and Reports -The Libraries will rely on in-person and virtual UMD PACT discussions and research to submit formal recommendations in writing to the sponsors, who will then share the recommendations with the UMD Administration, Senate, and Library Assembly for consideration.

Minutes - Minutes of each UMD PACT meeting are maintained by the Libraries with copies shared as public records.

Membership – Faculty members and graduate students on the UMD PACT working group are invited to serve and are appointed jointly by the Senate, Provost and VP of Research. Members should have experience in publishing of research and scholarship, with some members also having experience with faculty tenure and promotion processes and standards, and should be interested in enhancing scholarly communication models to improve support of, sustainability, of, and access to the University’s teaching, learning, and research.

- ULC members will be members of the working group and invited to participate in all UMD-PACT meetings – Brian Butler, Chair of ULC, Associate Dean, iSchool; Laura Dugan, ULC member and Senate Chair-elect
- Academic and Faculty Affairs: John Bertot, Associate Provost, Faculty Affairs
- Faculty members not on ULC, but from UMD Colleges and Schools who have special interest in or knowledge about scholarly communication in various disciplines:
Hugh Bruck, Professor, Mechanical Engineering and Associate Dean, Clark School of Engineering; Philip Cohen, Professor, Sociology, BSOS; Michael Dougherty, Professor/Chair, Psychology; Wayne McIntosh, Associate Dean, Graduate Students and Faculty Affairs, BSOS; Holly Brewer, Professor, History, ARHU, co-chair of UMD PACT
- Library members will include: Dan Mack, Associate Dean, Collections Strategies and Services; Leigh Ann DePope, Head, Acquisitions and Data Services; Maggie Saponaro, Director, Collection Development Strategies; Terry Owen, Digital Scholarship Librarian; Yelena Luckert, Director of Research, Teaching, and Learning; and Joseph Koivisto, Systems Librarian, Consortial Library Applications Support
- One graduate student member: Name Pending

Resources People or Teams - Individuals, teams, or workgroups able to assist the Task Force on specific issues, yet these individuals, teams or workgroups would not be expected to attend all meetings or participate in all tasks. Known resource persons or teams are: ADs for Faculty Affairs in Colleges and Schools? Others?

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

USM’s *Statement Supporting Open Access Dissemination of Scholarship*, 2017
<https://www.usmd.edu/newsroom/docs/USMOpenAccessStatement.pdf>

UMD *Open Access Task Force* charged, 2013:
https://www.senate.umd.edu/system/files/resources/billDocuments/12-13-36/stage1/OpenAccessTF_Charge.pdf

UMD Open Access Task Force report, 2013:
https://www.senate.umd.edu/system/files/resources/billDocuments/12-13-36/stage4/Presidential_Approval_12-13-36.pdf

Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities, 2003

<https://openaccess.mpg.de/Berlin-Declaration>

Signatories including UMD:

<https://openaccess.mpg.de/319790/Signatories>

UMD Libraries' Open Access Publishing Fund

<https://www.lib.umd.edu/oa/openaccessfund>

UMD Libraries' Open Access Journal Discounts

<https://www.lib.umd.edu/oa/journal-discounts>