

**UCF Library Advisory Committee**  
**2020-21 Annual Report to the Faculty Senate**

**1. Title**

Library Advisory Committee  
Academic Year 2020-21 Summary Report

**2. Summary of Meetings**

The Library Advisory Committee met twice virtually through MS Teams, during the 2020-21 academic year; once in the Fall 2020 semester (October 12, 2020) and once in the Spring 2021 semester (on March 23, 2021). Each meeting lasted approximately 1 hour (refer to Library Advisory Committee minutes for details of time, date, and location).

**3. Summary of Issues and/or Topics Addressed**

Topics discussed during meeting included (see committee minutes for more information)

- Library Materials updates:
  - Migration from FALSC to Primo VE which will feature a new library catalog and interface, go live - July 2021
- Library Technology update
  - Virtual desktops made available during on campus closures, added 153 library PCs to pool for student access.
  - All library machines have adobe creative cloud and honorlock.
  - Adding 100 PCs for students/UCF Apps.
  - Additions to technology available through library:
    - Computers, 3D printers, laser printer, cameras and headsets, podcast kits and anatomy models.
  - UCF volunteered to be a in pilot program to modernize the way you can log in with Iliad.
  - The library submitted six Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF) RFPs
- Student and Faculty Services update
  - Ask Us, online reference service, statistics have almost doubled compared to last year, and the ‘tele-reference’ onsite virtual service has walk up, real time assistance in the library.
  - Providing synchronous library instruction sessions, usually offered via Zoom, as well as a robust slate of online library modules and tutorials that can be assigned students to work through on their own time.
  - One on one consultations with a librarian using zoom/in person.
  - Students and faculty who are remote can receive items through books by mail program.
  - Large uptick in use of library-provided eBooks, articles, and videos being used for course materials.

- Textbook affordability Initiative: UCF faculty have taught over 950 classes using open or library-sourced materials, in turn reaching over 65,000 students and potentially saving them just over \$6,761,705.
- Research Tips Tuesday, an online resource to support instruction (in addition to library instruction)
- Dean's search
  - Inaugural Dean of Libraries position was announced and search was conducted.
    - University Administration elevated the position from Director to Dean to align the library with academic colleges.
  - Library team members as well as LAC contributed to search.
- 21st Century Library Project update
  - Retrofitted building in Summer of 2020 for social distancing. Staff roped furniture, put up signs, moved hundreds of pieces of furniture, etc. Furniture was reset to original arrangements in early Summer 2021.
  - View photos of the new space here: <https://library.ucf.edu/21st/>
  - Working on next renovation phase on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Library will be renovating floor by floor. Will feature modest book stacks, hundreds of new seats, and PC workstations
  - Next phase will add approximately 30 group study rooms and a dedicated graduate student area with card access
  - Continuing to ingest books into Automatic Retrieval Center (ARC) which will eventually house up to 95% of the print collection to make room for more student seating
  - 3rd floor renovations will take approximately 18 months. Next phase is scheduled to start in early '22 and be complete in Spring '23

#### **4. Recommendations/Outcomes**

Committee members asked questions and discussed the topics listed in #3 (see committee minutes for further information and details). Committee did not draft, nor vote on, any resolutions.

Submitted by:

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2020-2021 Committee Chair

Library Advisory Committee