

Minutes
University Library Committee
October 3, 2025
2:00 - 3:00 pm
Zoom meeting

Call To Order - Dr. Sarah Egan Warren, Teaching Assistant Professor, Institute for Advanced Analytics, and DELTA Faculty Fellow, *Chair*

1. Welcome and Introductions - Sarah Egan Warren, Chair
 - [2025-26 ULC Website](#) (with Roster)
2. Libraries Update - Greg Raschke, Senior Vice Provost and Director of Libraries (10 min.)
 - It's another busy and active year in the Libraries, like we're seeing in other campus gathering spaces as our student population continues to grow. Our biggest challenges right now are the same ones that most of the rest of the university is dealing with: serving a growing student population, either without a budget or with a flat budget. We are keeping a close eye on our portfolio of programs, services, and technologies so that we're prepared for any budget reductions.
 - We've always been a fairly ambitious organization in terms of new and innovative services and tools that we try to offer for the community. We still are active on those fronts in areas like data science, artificial intelligence, and the next generation of digital media. So we'll continue to be ambitious, but we're trying to take a measured approach with that ambition so that we're prepared to handle flat or reduced budgets.
 - Our collections budget is a sizable portion of our overall budget, and we are closely monitoring those expenditures and planning for a range of scenarios. We've been doing our best to preserve F&A funding to reinvest in the collections over the next few years as needed. If the research enterprise at NC State shrinks because of reduced federal funding, then we'll be prepared to adjust the way we license and offer our collections accordingly. Right now, we buy these large electronic-resource packages, and it's like an all-you-can-eat buffet. And the community eats a lot, and it works out. It's the most cost-effective way to feed a lot of people, if I totally kill the metaphor. But we may have to go to a more precise delivery model and deliver the scholarly content that the community needs on demand through document delivery, interlibrary loan, and request-based mechanisms.
 - We're also migrating our integrated library system this year, which is the enterprise system that runs our catalog and many types of transactions. We expect that the user community will see very little impact from this change, but it involves a significant amount of staff effort this year.
 - NC State is, by all measures relative to the rest of higher education, doing very well. Demand for an NC State degree is stronger than ever. Enrollment is

stronger than ever. We're really happy with the way that we're connecting with and engaging the university community, in particular our students.

- If we have a budget reduction that requires adjustments to our spending priorities, we'll bring that to this group for input and ideas. But so far, we haven't been asked to deal with that.
 - Currently there are university (UNC System Office) restrictions on the positions that we can hire, and we've been dealing with that, as has the rest of the university. But it hasn't impacted our critical operations or services thus far.
3. [Student-centered Services, Programs, and Events](#) - Aryn Baker and Alexis Springs, University Library Specialists, and Gabriel Graña, Digital Media Librarian, Learning Spaces & Services (10 minutes)
 - See presentation for details and examples of [The Studios](#) spaces and programs/activities.
 4. [Collections and Budget Plan for 2025-26](#) - David Goldsmith, Associate Director for Collections & Research Services; Bertha Chang, Associate Head, Collections & Research Engagement (15 minutes)
 - See presentation for details.
 - Question: "A lot of these publishers [e.g., Elsevier] are not in the United States. Do tariffs enter into the possible inflation effect, or are electronic products ... not tariffed?"
Answer: The only thing that's impacted by tariffs so far has been the purchase of international print materials, and we do very little of this. Institutions with large numbers of international scholars do a lot more of it and have noted the impact of tariffs on their acquisitions.
 5. Questions, Discussion, and Announcements
Suggested topics for the next meeting?

Next meeting: Monday, November 17, 2025, 11:30am - 1:00pm – in person with lunch at the Hill Library

Here is the link to the meeting recording and transcript.

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