

Public Policies Task Force

Background

“The Libraries value...UCI’s diversity and principles of community, which we uphold, incorporate, and exemplify in our actions.” – from the [UCI Libraries’ Strategic Plan](#)

We seek to uphold these values and enhance the Libraries’ contributions to anti-racism, diversity, equity, inclusion, belonging, and accessibility at UCI.

Ensuring library policies align with these values is important so that our patrons feel that they are being treated fairly and respectfully regardless of their background or experience with academic libraries.

Charge

The Public Policies Task Force is to review the following policies and recommend revisions as necessary:

- [Access to Libraries' Buildings During mid-10th and Finals Weeks](#)
- [Animals in the Libraries' Buildings](#)
- [Bikes, Scooters, Skateboards and Personal Wheeled Transportation](#)
- [Cell Phones](#)
- [Food & Drink](#)
- [Grunigen Medical Library Room Policies](#)
- [Library Electronic Classroom Use and Scheduling Policies and Procedures for Langson Library and Science Library](#)
- [Noise](#)
- [Policy for filming/photographing at the Libraries](#)
- [Privacy](#)
- [Smoke and Tobacco](#)
- [Solicitation by Off Campus Organizations](#)
- [Studying](#)
- [User Rights and Responsibilities](#)
- [VizWall Policy](#)

Appointment and Reporting

The Public Policies Task Force will report to Rikke Ogawa, AUL for Public Services.

Key Tasks and Responsibilities

- Review current public policies through the lens of DEIA paying particular attention to language.
- Make recommendations for changes as necessary.

Special Considerations and Challenges

The current public policies are comprehensive and work very well as a tool for library staff to engage with patrons. Consultation with staff who are responsible for enforcing these policies should be made. All suggested changes to public policies are generally brought before Leadership Council for endorsement.

While the following public policies are also displayed on our web site, they should be reviewed by the “owning” departments:

- [Borrowing](#) – Access & Operations
- [Collections \(PDF\)](#) – Collections Strategies
- [Collections- Ancillary Resources](#) – Collections Strategies
- [Electronic Resources - Conditions of Use and Licensing Restrictions](#) – Collections Strategies
- [Faculty and Departmental Binding Services Policy](#) – Technical Services
- [Gift Materials Acceptance](#) - – Collections Strategies

Expected Outcomes

Develop a report outlining recommendations for consideration by Leadership Council.

Timetable

While membership of the group will be identified in February 2023, the group will likely begin its work in March 2023 with a goal of developing a final report by July 2023 so any changes can be in place for Fall 2023.

Communication by the Group

The group should consult broadly throughout the Libraries and in particular with the employees responsible for enforcing the policies.

Membership and Term of Appointment

- Kristine Ferry, Chair
- 1 member from Reference/GML
- 1 member from Education & Outreach
- 2 members from Access & Operations
- 1-2 others from library

Members will serve until the charge has been completed.

