Library Senate Committee Report

March 18, 2022

Meeting on February 23, 2022, on Microsoft Teams

Present: **Alan Delozier, Kyle Downey, Kaitlin Kehnemuyi, Elizabeth McCrea, David Reid, Kirsten Schultz, Gerry Shea, Mary Patricia Wall and Laura E Wangerin**

The library Senate Committee met virtually on Wednesday, February 23, 2022. The committee invited the library Open Educational Resource (OER) committee represented by university librarians Kaitlin Kehnemuyi and Gerry Shea to discuss OER and other open access resources. Gerry gave a brief presentation on OER which provided background information on what OER is, what open license means and what the NJ Higher Education goals are with regards to monitoring OER use as a measure of accessibility and affordability. A group discussion followed the presentation and the conversation focused on the difficulties of implementing OER resources in certain disciplines and the overall use of OER for both required and supplemental materials.

The OER committee also demonstrated and highlighted the OER research guide that is available on the University Libraries website. The committee agreed that liaison librarians should develop department level sessions to target a specific audience with and targeted OER. Some faculty have been using OER in their courses and highlighting that usage may increase support for OER from administration.