

ULS Current Topics Discussion Group Meeting
Wednesday, Nov 29
12 pm PST, 1 pm MST, 2 pm CST, 3 pm EST
[Zoom link](#)

Agenda:

1. ULS Executive Committee Meeting Updates
2. Review discussion ideas and suggestions gathered via [Padlet](#) and discussion leader interest sign-up form
 - a. How many for spring/summer?
 - i. 2 is enough
 - ii. Topic 1 (Feb or March): To liaise or not? Can we continue to sustain liaison librarian programs in academic libraries?
 1. ULS Rep: Veronica & Ula
 2. Veronica: Contact individuals who expressed an interest in facilitating now.
 3. For facilitators: 10-15 minutes to set a context; then discussion questions
 - iii. Topic 2 (May): Teaching and working with instead of against AI in libraries? Emphasis on the learning/teaching piece.
 1. ULS Rep: Rosan & William
 2. Rosan: Contact individuals who expressed an interest in facilitating now.
 3. Avoid WILU and LOEX (WILU May 15-17, 2024 / LOEX May 2-4, 2024)
 - iv. Considerations
 1. How do we focus the conversation to focus on what we can do versus what we can't
 2. Convener could situate the direction of the talk
 3. Develop discussion questions in advance to get conversation started, in consultation with discussion group leaders
 4. 300 person limit for Zoom will possibly fill up from registrants
 5. Use reflection questions or guiding questions for responses in chat / verbal participation
 6. Use other engagement methods - menti, padlet to ask contextual questions
 7. Anticipate 80-100 attendees (possibly)
 - b. Possible topics for the future?
 - i. See full padlet results. Three popular alternate topics:
 1. Implication of work distribution due to short or light staffing (15)
 2. Equitable hiring and onboarding processes (13 votes)
 3. International student engagement (10)

3. Schedule and plan discussion sessions for spring
 - a. Consult [ACRL Virtual Meeting Resource Guide](#)
4. Old business
 - a. Resolving [ALA Connect page](#) for discussion group
 - b. Updating discussion group responsibilities on ULS [website](#)
5. Next meeting will be scheduled once Veronica and Rosan have discussions confirmed.