

Minutes of the Library Council Meeting

October 15th, 2018

W.R. Coe Library

Present: Robert Sprague (Chair), Birgit Burke (minutes), Ivan Gaetz, Lindsay Freeman for Andrea Burrows, Kristina Clement, Amy Pearce, Debbie McCarthy, Shaun Wulff, Molly Marcusse, Barbara Logan, Lori Phillips, Cheryl Goldenstein, David Kruger, Michelle Green, Samantha Cook, Melissa Hunter and Breanne Earl, grad student representative.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. Robert Sprague welcomed the council, and asked the attendees to introduce themselves.

2. Review of Agenda:

3. Issues from Library Council (as per Senate Regs.) – All: Ivan reminded the council that they are instructed by the UniReg to submit issues to Library Council and encouraged everyone to email him with any that might come up. A council member asked if there were subject-specific librarians her students could contact. Michelle Green, our new Learning and Engagement librarian, described the tiered reference system and the “Chat with a Librarian” service. Any questions about unit-level accreditation, however, are to be referred to Lori Phillips, Associate Dean of Libraries. The chair asked about a survey being done in the library and when results are expected. Kristina Clement, the new Student Success librarian, gave an explanation of the survey, how they are recruiting focus groups to look at LibGuides content and to follow up on the usability review. On another matter, Ivan reported that UW’s preliminary report from the student climate survey indicates the library was given very good, top-level reviews.

4. General UW Libraries: Updates - Ivan Gaetz, Dean of Libraries:

a. Future of Libraries (handout) - Ivan gave an update on the Future of Libraries, a presentation he made to Deans and Directors earlier this fall. It is based on the ALA report on the future of libraries, with emphasis on academic libraries and how UW is working in step with various emerging trends and initiatives. He also provided a handout of the UW Libraries Strategic Plan, a reference point for the coming year. He announced that Dr. Nancy Gwinn and Dr. John Cole would be visiting UW Libraries on 10/19 from, respectively, the Smithsonian and the Library of Congress. They will give a giving a talk to all UW Libraries and the AHC employees. Dr. Camilla Alire, former president of the American Library Association and currently member of the National Endowment for the Humanities Council, will be coming to campus to talk about library leadership and management. There will be an open session for all on Thursday, 11/8, from 2:00-3:30. Dr. Alire is another powerhouse in the library world and her presentation will be a wonderful opportunity to learn about libraries development.

b. ASUW meetings – Ivan is meeting with UW students selected by ASUW from all the colleges to talk with them about the concerns and to tell them what UW Libraries is doing with their tuition funds that are being transferred to the libraries. He tries to have two meetings a semester with them, with lunch.

c. Lori Phillips' sabbatical report – Lori gave a brief account of her sabbatical and has the full reports for those interested (please contact her directly). The focus of her sabbatical research was on the integration of library services more fully into UW educational initiatives through innovative use of Coe Library space. She gave examples of initiatives we are already doing such as the Student Innovation Center. Lori visited a number of other schools to see how they were addressing student needs through innovative use of space. Moving beyond a book-centered paradigm towards a learning centered paradigm requires partnerships, such as those UW Libraries has formed with ECTL, UW-IT, LeARN, etc. She is working on linking her research back to the UW and UWL strategic plans, and identifying pockets of building space that can be repurposed. The Libraries' space allocation team is looking at ways to develop pop-up spaces in partnership with academic units. Please contact Lori if you have any questions or suggestions. Follow-up question: where are we with a discussion of a storage space for lesser used materials? Debbie McCarthy explained that we are currently working on the consolidation/substitution of print indexes with electronic indexes (which frees up significant space), exploration of a Alliance collaboration, and potential utilization of space at the Armory on campus. There will be discussions with faculty and students about their need and responses to our current methods for delivering content (ILL, Request-IT, etc.). Active, engaging student-focused spaces are fundamental. Follow-up question: Is there a library literacy standard that has replaced TIP? There is a First Year Experience (FYE) librarian who is coordinating a program called Credo. The Credo modules can be built into curriculum if instructors want them. The FYE librarian is currently partnering with the Honors College to develop some modules.

d. Library Re-Organization: Ivan provided a handout with the old libraries' org chart and the new libraries' org chart. The new division names have since been updated: these being User Services, Scholarship and Research, and Resource Discovery and Access. Cheryl, assistant dean for User Services, Debbie McCarthy, assistant dean for Resource Discovery and Access, and Lori Phillips, Associate Dean, presented on the three new units. User Services incorporates Access Services, ILL, shelving, reserves, studio Coe/One Button Studio, the Library Annex, and the LRC. It focuses on front-line interactions with students. Resource Discovery and Access includes Libraries IT, Technical Services, and Collection Development. Their focus is to buy everything, make it available and findable. Their mission is to keep everything going seamlessly. UW Libraries \$9 million acquisitions budget covers physical materials, electronic accesses, database licenses and accesses. This involves coordination the UW General Council on contracts. The new structure fosters the independence and interdependence of the units. On behalf of Cass Kvenild, Assistant Dean, Lori Phillips profiled the new Scholarship and Research unit composed of Research and Instruction, Digital Collections, Chisum Special Collections, and the Geology Library. The digital scholarship action team is working on creating a dedicated Digitals Scholarship Center. This new unit was instrumental in staging the recent OER (Open Educational Resources) conference that had 75 attendees. The grant application process to solicit faculty interested in creating open access materials for their classes currently invites applications for its fall round of awards.

e. New Hires – Ivan introduced the Libraries' three new hires: Kristina Clement – student success; Michelle Green – learning & engagement; Samantha Cook – instructional design. As libraries change, our focus increasingly centers on deeper partnerships in the education experiences of students and faculty while not abandoning the more traditional modes of materials and services we provide on campus. There are a few more positions we hope to fill, including a Digital Scholarship

Librarian and a Data Management Librarian. Lori Phillips described how the new re-org allows her, as Associate Dean, to work closely with the three Assistant Deans who serve as divisional heads.

f. McMurry Reading Room update: Author Events planned (Thursday Nov. 29th) Ivan gave a brief update on last spring's McMurry Reading Room author events. David Kruger spoke on J.C. Penney, and John Waggener from the AHC spoke on his recent book, "The Snow Chi Minh Trail." Because of a being down 3 positions in the Admin Office, the author events for this fall has only one entry: Kent Drummond and Susan Aronstein on their new book. "The Road to Wicked: the Marketing and Consumption of Oz. From L. Frank Baum to Broadway.

5. Other Business: Two factor authentication starts tomorrow. Library IT is working with UW IT to troubleshoot any problems, especially in accessing databases. Please let UW Libraries know if you are experiencing any difficulties.

Next meetings will be: December 3rd, 2018 in Coe 506
 February 2, 2019 in Coe 506
 April 7th, 2019, TBA

6. Adjourn. 4:30 p.m.