

Library Council
Meeting: Monday April 8, 2019
Room #506, Coe Library

Present: Bob Sprague (Chair), Ivan Gaetz, Lindsay Freeman, Barbara Logan, David Kruger, Cass Kvenild, Molly Marcusse, Lori Phillips, Amy Pearce, Shaun Wulff, Tami Hert, and Rochelle Hayes (Recording Secretary).

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 3:20 p.m. Bob Sprague welcomed the Library Council attendees.

2. Review of Agenda:

3. Issues from Library Council (as per Senate Regs.):

No issues from Library Council were discussed.

4. General Library Updates (Ivan Gaetz, Cass Kvenild, Tami Hert, and others):

a. Dave Barry:

Ivan Gaetz reminded members that Dave Barry will be visiting campus this week for the Libraries Author Events (April 17-18). Events will include a luncheon on the 17th followed by the Library Development Board Meeting and an informal dinner with Dave Barry and the Development Board. The following morning will include a brunch scheduled normally for students. However, due to a lack of interest from students, the brunch has been opened up to include staff from the American Heritage Center and the Libraries. There is no charge for the brunch. Following the brunch, will be the public event.

b. Stephen Markley:

Ivan announced that the Libraries and the English Department have partnered together to host up and coming new author, Stephen Markley and the promotion of his new book, "Ohio". This will be a free event and will be held April 24th in the McMurry Reading Room.

c. Endowed Position:

Ivan announced that the Libraries will be getting a librarian position, "Academic Excellence Librarian". This position is an endowed position and will be interdisciplinary in nature. This position will primarily be assisting interests from the Honors College, especially supporting their colloquium experience for the students and be charged with teaching. This position is supported by a \$2.5 million endowment and is the largest single gift the Libraries have ever received. The goal for filling this position will be in August or September.

d. VR/AR/XR:

Ivan gave an overview of the latest VR/AR/XR Design Meeting, which consisted of a group of 20-30 people that met to discuss technology and applications throughout campus. The attendees represented several departments throughout campus and offered very diverse backgrounds in their familiarity of VR/AR/XR technology. As an academic library, Ivan reminded the attendees that the libraries' focus is to determine how to move the initiative forward. A smaller group will be selected that will include folks from the Libraries and Libraries partners (ex. the Innovation Center which has already been promoting this technology) as well as include IT to assist in the management and personnel aspect of VR/AR/XR technology. In addition, a site visit to University of Oklahoma (UOK) will be conducted at some point in the future to discuss with Carl Grant, Dean of Libraries their experience in successfully implementing VR/AR/XR technology in higher education campus. Presently, UOK and Virginia Tech are leaders in VR/AR/XR technology at higher education campuses.

e. Yellowstone Conference:

Tami Hert gave an overview of the upcoming Yellowstone Conference. This conference will be working closely with Brigham Young University, which is ideal because they have "student power" (approximately 400 students working in their library) to help work the event. The conference will be held June 27-28th at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West in Cody, WY and will include a follow-up field trip. To date, 44 people have registered and 16 people have signed up for the fieldtrip. Vendors will be present and so far, sponsors have pledged \$33,000. Several proposals have been submitted as well. There will be 23 sessions, which include both individual and plenary sessions.

This is a great partnership between the University, BYU, and the Buffalo Bill Center of the West. This is the first conference of its kind in Yellowstone that focuses on the collection, preservation, and promotion of materials and that is not scientific-based.

A member asked if there are any spaces for students to register. Yes, there are spaces and a registration process is available for them. Thanks to sponsors, the cost is only \$125 per person. Also, the Holiday Inn has reasonable rates but attendees will need to register soon. One presenter from AHC will be there. In addition, there are three Director Positions at the park that have been opened this year and all three will be representing. *Supplemental materials were provided.*

f. University Press:

David Kruger, who has been assigned to lead a steering committee involved with incorporating and promoting a University Press, discussed both the benefits and progress of this project. Currently, UW does not have any affiliation with an

academic press. This project is ideal in that it will enhance the reputation of the Libraries as well as the University, and can assist in pursuing partnerships and affiliations that may elevate the status of the Libraries further.

Recently, the steering committee met which consisted of four faculty members from Colorado and Utah, and CEO Darrin Pratt. To obtain membership in the press, there are three primary stages. The first stage is that letters of support will need to be delivered to the Provost. This process should be rather quick as long as no expenses are required from Academic Affairs. The second stage is to generate a one to two page proposal to Provost Miller, which should be finalized by the end of April to early May. The final stage is to set a targeted goal of completion for May or June. In addition, Darrin Pratt will conduct a workshop with new faculty who want to know more about scholarship information and to help faculty become more comfortable with the project.

A member asked if the steering committee is looking at specific disciplines when utilizing the press. The answer was yes, they have had meetings with faculty from various schools such as the Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources. Generally, every press includes some niches or focus areas. Another example is that the Humanities would be considered a niche or focus. They are not locked down to only one niche and have the potential to expand according to the level of support and faculty interest.

Ivan thanked David for taking on the leadership role and mentioned his abilities and experiences with publishers and publishing, especially with the University of Oklahoma.

g. Digital Scholarship Center:

Cass Kvenild gave a status report on the Digital Scholarship Center, which is a key initiative for strategic planning. This is the most future-looking project in development and will be used for many library services on campus.

Currently, a roadmap is being prepared and recommendations are being obtained with all feedback welcomed. There are four phases outlined in the handout provided, and are close to having phases one and two built and funded. Phase three is more complicated and time consuming due to campus politics. This phase also deals with spacing concerns. Phase four includes dreams and goals.

Cass pointed out that appendices B and C might be an interest to council members as these involve having a centralized space for faculty and students. Appendix C displays both growth and requests based on what people are asking for. The next steps will be to submit the conclusions to the Dean and Associate Dean of the Libraries for approval, and then to review with the campus real estate office. On

a final note, there has been a lot of discussion from campuses nationwide regarding needs for benchmarking and environmental scans.

h. OER:

Cass also gave an update on Open Education Resources (OER) grants. Six grants have been awarded to professors from the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Health Sciences, and Agriculture. One of the grants included an application of the Calculus sequence, which covered several textbooks. More instructors have been utilizing OER by writing their own textbooks. Often the OER model suits them better than traditional textbook publishing.

As to date, there have been 25 awards given since the inception of OER, resulting in a total saving of over \$100,000 to campus users. Not only has OER experienced growth locally but also nationwide. Community colleges have been the most aggressive users for OER and the University is considering including future collaboration with them as well.

A council member brought up a concern that textbooks are peer reviewed and includes scholarship, especially with general classes that are taught broadly and incorporated into the cost of the textbook. Is this a service that could be applied with OER? The response was yes, it could be an element incorporated into the services provided by the Libraries such as a review board. In addition, the potential for the Libraries to provide excellent review and an editing service is a possibility. For example, Ivan has performed this review for online textbooks and can be a future element down the road. Last but not least, students have demonstrated that they are excited about OER, which also helps them financially.

i. Open Access/Institutional Repository Task Force Recommendations:

Ivan discussed a task force that he has been involved with concerning Open Access and Institutional Repositories. This task force met last spring and summer. University administration have been circling back to the original proposals submitted and now would like to act on them. This will include a statement from the University that will affirm the principals and importance of Open Access. Issues involving quality will also be addressed.

Repositories are digital storage systems that gather material and make them available to the public at no cost. In addition, they can offer a diverse amount of materials at one time. They can be very useful for both faculty and other researchers and scholars, as well as preservation and access of materials.

The University already has some repositories throughout campus but are isolated and need to be centralized. Some folks have already agreed to assist in the creation of a portal that will access what exists on campus. Further conversations will be taking place regarding implementing policies and procedures.

On a final note, European academic institutions are currently the leaders in adopting Open Access and Institutional Repositories and, as a land grant university, UW can learn from their success.

5. Other Business:

“The Great Colleges” survey was recently conducted on campus. Results came in; however, they produced low scores, which has prompted a follow-up town hall meeting. A strategic working group has been implemented and will be charged with coming up with some strategies. Bob reminded council members that he would be available regarding this matter and he encouraged others to address their comments with him.

Barbara Logan will be stepping down and will no longer be a member of Library Council.

6. Selection of new Library Council Chair:

Council members were reminded that attendees do not need to be present at the meeting to be nominated for the position of Library Council Chair. Molly Marcusse volunteered to act as the next Chair. A motion was made and seconded with all in favor to appoint Molly as the next Chair.

7. Next Meeting:

Council members discussed when to meet for the next meeting and determined that early October worked for everybody. Library Council will continue meeting the first Monday of every other month to equal four meetings per year.

8. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 4:26 pm.