

**Library Council**  
**Meeting: Monday, October 7, 2019**  
**Room #506, Coe Library**

**Present:** Molly Marcusse (Chair), Ivan Gaetz, Bob Sprague, Dana Caulton, Amy Pearce, Shaun Wulff, Melissa Hunter, Andrea Burrows, Cass Kvenild, David Kruger, Kaijsa Calkins, Larry Schmidt, Susan Schultz, Shannon Sheridan, Yolanda Hood, Hilary Baribeau, and Rochelle Hayes (Recording Secretary).

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 3:18 p.m. Molly Marcusse welcomed new and returning Library Council members.

**2. Review of Agenda:**

Members of Library Council were reminded that if they had any issues with the agenda, to submit those to Molly.

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

No issues from Library Council were discussed.

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

**a. Summer Highlights:**

Highlights that occurred over the summer include:

On June 1, Carol McMurry passed away. Carol and her family have been longtime supporters to the Libraries via multiple capacities, and Carol was a Charter Member of the Libraries Development Board. Two Celebrations of Life were held in her honor, the first in June and the second in August. Ivan attended both events.

In late June, Lori Philips, Associate Dean of Libraries retired after 23 years of working for the UW Libraries. Lori is currently enjoying time spent traveling.

Also in late June, Tami Hert, UW Libraries Head of Emmett D. Chisum Special Collections partnered with Brigham Young University with organizing the 2019 Conversations on Collecting Yellowstone Conference held at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, Cody, WY. This was the first time that an event of this nature has been held, which focused on the collection of Yellowstone materials. In attendance were over 100 people, which included libraries, experts, government entities, and various organizations nationwide. The event lasted five days and included a two-day field trip.

In early July, a team consisting of five UW employees went to the University of Oklahoma (OU) Libraries to view and understand the numerous VR/AR/XR

installations on their campus, managed by Carl Grant, Dean of Libraries. The UW team was able to observe firsthand how leaders are applying this type of technology in academic and library settings. In addition, the team was able to observe OU Libraries' innovated use of space designed for multiple types of user groups as well as for gathering, study, and learning.

In July, the University of Wyoming became a member of the University Press of Colorado and Utah. This is a UW Libraries led, managed, and funded initiative that will see the "UW" imprint on a university press for the first time. All the necessary approvals have been established to proceed forward, which will include an open house scheduled to take place in the near future. An invite with details will be sent out soon.

The American Heritage Center has appointed a permanent Director, Dr. Paul Flesher. Paul will assume both duties as a Director of the AHC as well as instructing part time in the Religious Studies Department. Ivan will utilize this new opportunity to enhance the Libraries' partnership with the AHC.

**b. New UW Libraries Leadership Appointments (Ivan)**

There have been three new appointments to the Libraries leadership which include Cass Kvenild, Associate Dean; Kaijsa Calkins, Assistant Dean of Education and Research Services; and Larry Schmidt, Chair of Research and Reference Instruction for the division.

**c. New Hires (Kaijsa)**

The Libraries recently hired three librarians which include Shannon Sheridan, Data Management Librarian and Fellowship Librarian; Hilary Baribeau, Digital Scholarship Librarian; and Yolanda Hood, Academic Excellence Librarian. Shannon will be assisting with providing leadership and consulting on research; Hilary will be assisting with open publishing, archiving, and creating; and Yolanda will be acting as a liaison to both the Honors College and Visual Arts Department as well as instructing courses.

**d. Update on UW Libraries' Strategic Initiatives (Cass)**

Last year, three leadership teams were created to assist in carrying out various outcomes stated in the Libraries' Strategic plan for 2019-20. They include as follows:

- The Assessment Leadership Team, which produced a dashboard recommendation report and created a mockup dashboard with content recommendations.

- The Digital Scholarship Leadership Team, which produced a digital scholarship center roadmap, a budget for furniture and equipment, and dedicated space in room 302.
- The Space Planning Leadership Team (originally led by Lori Phillips) produced a recommendation report for student study areas; the purchasing for new study furniture for levels one, two, and three; and gained a commitment from the Libraries Development Board to secure funding for additional student furniture. Some furniture has already been purchased and has been placed throughout the Libraries in the more underutilized spaces. In addition, there has been a request by graduate students for more spaces geared towards them, as well as pop-ups for entrepreneurship studies.

Implementation teams were then created to address recommendations from the leadership teams. These teams have a budget in place, are ready to go, and will start implementing next year. They include as follows. *See attachment.*

- The Digital Scholarship Center Implementation Team led by Chad Hutchens.
- The Dashboard Implementation Team led by Kaijsa.
- Student Spaces Implementation Team led by Cass.
- Library & University Storage Leadership Team led by Debbie McCarthy. The need for more storage for various collections has gained the interest of President Theobald. This team will be looking at including additional partners than just the Libraries to address needs.
- Virtual Reality Services Leadership Team led by Cheryl Goldenstein. This team will address VR services and implementation within the Libraries.
- Web Site Re-design Leadership Team led by Jennifer Kirk. Not only will this team help the Libraries' website reflect current needs and adopt the latest trends, but this team will also look into incorporating the Herbarium and other campus collections, which will allow them to be more accessible to users.

Questions from Library Council members were asked which include as follows:

- **Are the Libraries still receiving feedback from students wanting more space? What types of spaces are wanted?** The response was yes the

Libraries are still receiving feedback from students. The types of space desired are geared towards graduate student spaces that reflect their individual needs, more study rooms, being able to use the study rooms for new technology, and a quiet study floor. In general, technology, a quiet space, and service was what are in demand.

- **Have the Libraries looked into the utilization of computer labs and if some of this space can be used?** The response was yes the Libraries looked into using some of this space, however; the computer labs are the most utilized space in the libraries and do not have excess space to share at this point.
- **How will providing a VR service work with the existing services that the Viz Center (EIC's Shell 3D Visualization Center) provides?** The response was that an interest group was formed last fall with stakeholders and interested participants (including representatives from the Viz Center) to have discussions regarding VR/AR/XR technology in an academic setting. The Viz Center currently has large space offering VR services. The Libraries are not looking into duplicating services, but providing a service from a library point of view that will focus on students with existing VR familiarity as well as providing VR experimenting opportunities. The Viz Center works more with a classroom setting. The Libraries is still collaborating with them regarding their services. On a final note, the Libraries also want to ensure that services are free and accessible to students, kept broadly based, and maintain an ability to evolve.

**e. Recent Developments in Libraries Service Centers (Susan Schultz)**

Over the summer, Studio Coe moved from level one to level two. This new location is larger, which allows for a greater capacity of students, offers a more visible space, and has open access to anyone on campus. However, the new space for Studio Coe does not include any soundproofing rooms. Proposals to remedy this are in the process of obtaining approvals.

Two other proposals for Studio Coe are underway which focus on the request of purchasing equipment that will enhance technological visibility, and for two VR workstations, which will include both production software and technology. The goal for the VR workstations is that a student will be able to walk next door to the Innovation Center (Makerspace) and view the project that they just produced.

Both Studio Coe and the Innovation Center have hired new personnel. Studio Coe hired Toby Thompson, Library Assistant Senior, and the Innovation Center (through funding and management by UW ITS) hired Jane Crayton, Makerspace Coordinator who replaced Tyler Kerr.

**f. Alyson Hagy – Author Reading/Presentation, McMurry Reading Room (Ivan)**

Alyson Hagy will be presenting an author talk in the Libraries McMurry Reading Room Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Alyson will primarily be speaking about her most recent novel, *Scribe*.

**g. Open Education Resources OER (Cass)**

With Hilary on board, OER programs and services are now fully supported. October 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the next set of OER awards for the spring semester. Recently, the Libraries hosted an OER Symposium, which included the OER team from Colorado. The symposium was very hands-on and informative while experiencing 100% participation. Previous recipients for OER grants were invited to share their experience. Any questions regarding OER can be referred to Hilary or Cass.

**h. Open Access/Institutional Repository Task Force Recommendations (Ivan)**

The status of a report submitted to the President's Office early August regarding Open Access and Institutional Repository Task Force Recommendations has been put on hold due to changes in leadership. President Theobald will re-look at the recommendations sometime over the next few months. Recommendations will include affirming principals, and supporting and rationalizing operations of open access and institutional repository.

**5. Other Business:**

No other business was discussed.

**6. Next Meetings:**

The next meetings will be held at 3:15, Room 506, Coe Library on the following dates:

December 2, 2019

February 3, 2020

April 6, 2020

**7. Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.