

**Library Council**  
**Meeting: Monday, April 12, 2021**  
**3:15 p.m.**  
**Via Zoom**

Council Members Present: Melissa Hunter (Chair), Brenda Alexander, Dana Caulton, Rachel Crocker, Sara Davis, Matt Gray, Jihyun Lee, Amy Pearce, Bob Sprague, Kaijsa Calkins, Ivan Gaetz, Cass Kvenild, Debbie McCarthy, Paula Martin, and Jenn Strayer

Support Staff: Rochelle Hayes

**1. Call to Order (Melissa):**

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. Library Council members were welcomed and the agenda reviewed.

**2. Review of Previous Minutes:**

The Council minutes from the previous meeting were approved without further discussion.

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

There were no issues from the colleges.

**4. UW Libraries Budget Reduction and Priorities (Debbie):**

An overview of the Collections budget was provided. Multiple ways of purchasing materials were expressed with the most common being leased items rather than purchased.

A demonstration on how to look up the various types of usage data from collections on the Libraries' website dashboard was given. Overall, the budget has remained the same up until this year with the exception of inflation costs. E-resources have exceeded print resources and media makes up a large component to the overall collection.

The Periodic Price Survey was reviewed, which showed various types of cost breakdowns for periodicals. Currently, the journal Science is the most used journal with the Libraries paying over \$12,000 for its access.

Big Deals, when large academic publishers offer multi-year bundled e-book and/or journal subscriptions or database packages at deeply discounted prices were discussed. Big Deals are not as flexible as single titles but cost significantly less. If interested, SPARC (Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition) includes a Big Deal Tracker and a Contracts Library. In addition, Big Deals that cost the Libraries over \$10,000 were mentioned (excluding 22JSTOR collections) as well as e-book packages.

The Collection Budget for FY2020 and FY2021 was provided, however data for FY2021 is still incomplete. Seventy percent of the budget pays for ongoing expenses and thirty percent for

one-time fees (plus operational and ILL expenses) totaling an approximate of \$8.5 million dollars.

Moving forward, the Libraries is working on to reduce what is spent on the collection budget through the efforts of:

- De-duplication of similar resources, especially databases
- Move one-time purchases from just-in-case to just-in-time
- Will be breaking up big deals but is time consuming, since we will need faculty input
- Support open resources (open access)
- Be flexible about interfaces – will try and keep as many as possible
- Be patient with the Libraries

Discussion:

The overall Libraries budget cut for the current year is \$655,000 with \$500,000 coming out of Collections, which will be maintained in FY22. In addition, an expense cut will be coming out of the Operations Budget of \$250,000 during the FY22. There was one position eliminated however, it had not been filled for several years (~\$40,000). This year's cut included onetime expenses, however may change according to the state's needs.

Communication regarding the budget between the respective college and Library Council members was encouraged.

**5. Final Strategic Visioning Document - *Distributed* (Ivan and all):**

The final text of the Strategic Visioning Analysis which maps out ways in how the University is to move forward was submitted. The goal in mind is to move beyond from Strategic Visioning to Strategic Planning.

**6. Open Access and Transformative Agreements (Debbie and Kaijsa):**

a. Transformative Agreements:

There are two types of transformative agreements: a “read-and-publish” and “publish-and-read”. Faculty do not pay for these but instead the fees are rolled into the subscription which the Libraries does pay for. If interested, you can watch an informative documentary called *Paywall: The business of Scholarship* which is related to transformative agreements, but more specifically, focuses on the business of the academic publishing industry.

b. Open Access/Publishing:

Open access journals are hosted by the Libraries with a couple already on the platform. Via publishing through Colorado Press, the Libraries currently have one published item in print and possibly another in review. Open monographs are in the process of being looked at as well.

Faculty are encouraged to participate in applying for Open Education Resource (OER) grants which are available to create or adopt. These are peer reviewed and so far,

\$30,000 have been allotted for open textbooks. New requests for OER grants will be announced sometime in the fall semester.

**7. Other Library Updates – Cass:**

a. Personnel:

Digital Scholarship Librarian, Chealsye Bowley will be starting soon. The search for the Learning Engagement and Collection Development Librarians are underway.

b. Hours:

Summer: the Libraries will close earlier due to student staffing shortage and limited courses taking place. However, hours will still align with Summer School, High School Institute, and other institutes.

Fall: depending on university policies and recommendations, the Libraries will be opening some of the study rooms back up and returning some of the furniture to its original layout.

**8. Other Council Business – Melissa:**

a. Member Term Updates:

Amy will be departing as a member. Either Tanya Plumb or Debbie Person will be taking over her seat. Sara is already filling in for a seat and will stay on for another year. However, seats for both a graduate and an undergraduate representative still need to be filled.

b. Designate a New Chair:

Brenda has accepted the position but will be officially voted in at the next fall meeting.

**9. Next Meeting:**

Fall 2021

**10. Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.

**11. Useful Link:**

[Costs Outstrip Library Budgets | Periodicals Price Survey 2020 | Library Journal](#)