

Library Council
Meeting: Monday, December 5, 2022
3:15 p.m.
Coe Library Room 506 and zoom

Council Members Present: Jihyun Lee, MaryBeth Brown, Paula Martin, Tawnya Plumb, Ivan Gaetz, Cass Kvenild, Brenda Alexander, Dana Caulton, Stephanie Cheng, Bridger Sparks and Allana Bustos (Notes)

1. Call to Order:

Brenda Alexander called the meeting to order. Library Council members were welcomed and introductions made.

2. Review of Previous Minutes:

The Council minutes from the previous meeting were discussed and approved.

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

N/A

4. UW Libraries Personnel Updates (Cass Kvenild):

UW Libraries has hired a couple new librarians including Kathryn Senn as the Innovative and Immersive Technologies Librarian and Nelia Koontz as the Collection Management Librarian. We are currently bringing candidates to campus for the Student Success Librarian position, but have several other faculty positions open. However, most staff positions have been filled.

5. External Review of UW Libraries (Ivan Gaetz):

UW Libraries invited four library leaders from Colorado, Utah and Tennessee to campus for a thorough review of UW Libraries, and had them meet with our faculty, staff and students regarding the overall environment and operations at the Libraries. Ivan is expecting a report any day now. We will compare our results to the UW strategic plan and develop projects to align.

6. Migration to a New Library System (Ivan Gaetz):

UW Libraries will be transitioning to the Ex Libris – Alma platform in 2023. We signed a contract this last fall, and we hope to launch this product in August. The system will look different, but function similarly (i.e. catalog, check out books, etc.). The Law Library is on the same system as Coe Library.

7. General Library Updates:

- a. Flood Damage Repairs (Ivan Gaetz):

The storm last August affected at least 20 buildings on campus including Coe Library Level 1. The Physical Plant handles these repairs, and we are expecting the repairs to take place in the spring semester. There are mostly drywall repairs needed in office spaces.

8. Other Business:

Brenda Alexander brought up the idea of student representation, and invited Bridger Sparks to the meeting. Brenda asked the council to vote Bridger in. There was no opposition. Bridger will be the student representation for the remainder of the academic year.

9. Next Meeting:

First Monday of February 2022, late afternoon, to be confirmed in due course:
3:15 – 4:30 p.m. in Coe 506 and via Zoom

10. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.