

Library Council
Meeting: Monday, February 6, 2023
3:15 p.m.
Coe Library Room 506 and zoom

Council Members Present: Jihyun Lee, Tawnya Plumb, Ivan Gaetz, Cass Kvenild, Brenda Alexander, Stephanie Cheng, Matt Grey, Mary Beth Brown, 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 Shannon Smith as the Student Success Librarian. We are bringing candidates to campus next week for onsite interviews for the Data Management Librarian position. We will also bring candidates in the next few weeks for the NNLM Librarian job opening.

5. General Library Updates (Ivan Gaetz & Cass Kvenild):

a. Legislative Initiatives may change Education in Wyoming:

The Wyoming House and Senate have debated changes to the obscenity laws. They want to get rid of the exceptions. Currently, certain individuals are exempt from these laws including educators and librarians. If we don't have these educational exceptions, our professors and librarians can be charged with a crime and fined and/or sued. Although three bills have failed thus far, we need to be prepared.

b. Strategic Plan of the University – Directions for UW Libraries:

The Board of Trustees have approved the new Strategic Plan for the University of Wyoming. UW Libraries will go over the plan and determine how we can support it. We will work with the Library Development Board and other partners.

c. Digital Initiatives:

We are actively working on the Wyoming DataHub which focuses on data accessibility. During phase one, we conducted interviews and surveys to assess our needs. Throughout phase two, we will fund equipment, build connections, and expand workshops.

d. Budget FY24:

The Libraries budget is on a two year span, so this year is already determined. However, next year we would like to increase our collection budget.

e. First Book of U of Wyoming Press:

We have a membership with the University Press of Colorado. Our first book came off of the press last week! It is a historical piece on a scholar/artist from Wyoming. We are very pleased, and there will be more to come. The University Press of Colorado also hired an intern from UW.

f. Updating ARL/R1 Readiness of UW Libraries:

R1 universities are classified as the most research-intensive institutions. The University of Wyoming is an R2. We are working towards becoming an R1 institution and a report on library possibilities within the next few months. ARL is the association of the most prestigious libraries. Becoming a member of ARL could be a long-term objective of UW Libraries.

6. Other Business:

N/A

7. Next Meeting:

First Monday of April 2023, late afternoon, to be confirmed in due course:

APRIL 3, 2023, 3:15 – 4:30 p.m. in Coe 506 and via Zoom

8. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.