

**Library Council**  
**Meeting: Monday, October 9, 2023**  
**3:15 p.m.**  
**Coe Library Room 506 and zoom**

Council Members Present: Jihyun Lee, Tawnya Plumb, Brenda Alexander, Mary Beth Brown, Dana Caulton, Cass Kvenild, Paula Martin, Jennifer Kirk and Allana Bustos (Notes)

**1. Call to Order:**

Tawnya Plumb 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. UW Libraries Personnel Updates:**

a. Leadership Changes and Retirements (Cass Kvenild):

Dean Ivan Gaetz retired in August and is moving to Washington to be closer to family. In the meantime, Provost Carman has appointed Cass Kvenild as the Interim Dean. Paula Martin and Kaijsa Calkins are the Interim Associate Deans. Debbie McCarthy, Assistant Dean of RDM, retired last month. Dee Salo, Supervisor in User Services (ILL) is also retiring; today is her last day.

b. New Faculty Hires (Paula Martin):

The Libraries have a few vacant positions that we are trying to fill. Our Special Collections Librarian listing has several promising applicants; that priority deadline will close next week. We will then post our Graduate Librarian position at the end of this month and the Discovery Librarian position in January. We also had an opportunity to hire Wyoming State Librarian Jamie Markus as new Assistant Dean of RDM. Jamie will start at the end of the month on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

**4. General Library Updates:**

a. New Library System and Prospector Updates (Paula Martin):

The Libraries transitioned to a new library system (Ex Libris/Alma) over the summer. This system is shared with the Law Library and American Heritage Center. We went live on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is more advanced and has a lot of features. Please use or ask your colleagues to use our feedback form, so that we can continue optimizing this system for your needs. Prospector is down for the semester; however, we can still get things through our Inter Library Loan.

b. “You Belong Here” Marketing Campaign (Jennifer Kirk):

Jennifer passed around a postcard and bookmark with our new marketing campaign: “You Belong Here”. We also did wall wraps in Coe Library on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and wrapped our van this summer. The wall wraps depict current and historical pictures as well as a quote about libraries from our former UW President. The colors we used in this

campaign are different from the traditional brown and gold colors; these accent colors feel more welcoming.

c. Giving Day Plans (Cass Kvenild):

The Libraries is participating in Giving Day for the very first time! Please share our posts on social media and spread the word. We aren't getting funding from student fees anymore, and we would like to continue to find ways to benefit our students and faculty.

d. Elsevier Negotiations Update (Cass Kvenild):

Our Electronic Resources Librarian, Denis Shannon, is our representative on the Elsevier negotiation committee. The Colorado Alliance (UWYO is a member of the organization) purchased a subscription, and they are trying to renew the contract. We have been presented with three packages; the negotiation team will respond to those proposed packages at their next meeting. The committee will meet on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, and our subscription ends in December. We do not anticipate any interruptions in service, even if the contract is not complete by December.

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

N/A

**6. Other Business (Tawnya Plumb):**

- a. Chair: Tawnya Plumb & Vice-Chair: Jihyun Lee
- b. Student Representation: The Library Council would like student representation. Please think of students that may be interested.
- c. The Branding Iron can now be found in the Wyoming Digital Newspaper Collection.
- d. The Libraries offer workshops/trainings on the new library system.

**7. Next Meeting:**

First Monday of December 2023, late afternoon, to be confirmed in due course:  
December 4, 2023, 3:15 – 4:30 p.m. in Coe 506 and via Zoom

**8. Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.