

**Library Council**  
**Meeting: Monday, October 4, 2023**  
**3:15 p.m.**  
**Coe Library Room 506 and Zoom**

Council Members Present: Jihyun Lee, Tawnya Plumb, Brenda Alexander, Mary Beth Brown, Cass Kvenild, Paula Martin, Jamie Markus, Sammy Peter, Kaijsa Calkins, Matt Gray, 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:**

New Hires/Searches (Paula Martin):

The libraries have two faculty searches currently: Librarian for Special Collections and Open Graduate Librarian. We are bringing in candidates starting this Friday for the Special Collections position, and we are reviewing applications for the Open Graduate position. In January, we will post another position which will be the Discovery Librarian.

We have recently hired one staff member, Kendall, who is working as an office assistant in ERS. We also have an offer for a position in Studio Coe. Jamie Markus started at the libraries a little over a month ago. He is the assistant dean of RDM.

**4. General Library Updates:**

a. Libraries Strategic Planning Process (Cass Kvenild & Paula Marting):

UW Libraries Strategic Plan expired in 2022. Our former Dean, Ivan Gaetz, opted not to write a new strategic plan until we had the University's to refer to. So now that the University's has been adopted, we will undertake strategic planning. We anticipate having this completed by May. The reason we can move quickly is because we recently did an internal self-study and external review. Cass will be guiding the overall process and communication with Academic Affairs.

Kaijsa will be implementing the process. She will coordinate strategic visioning conversations across the libraries to discuss what we want to continue doing and where we want to be in the next four years. We are going to start by reviewing the libraries' mission and vision. We are hoping to have an updated mission and vision statement to share with you by the next Library Council meeting. We would appreciate any input from the Library Council members and/or faculty.

b. New Library Systems:

- Prospector Updates (Paula Martin):

The libraries transitioned from the Sierra library system to Primo. The prospector has been offline this semester while we build it. It is the system by which we share physical and some digital items with our Colorado alliance. We are doing internal testing right now. We expect the borrowing aspect will be available in January. ILL is another way that people can get things if they can't get what they need through Prospector.

- Leganto Updates (Kaijsa Calkins):

Leganto is an add-on to the new integrated library system that we implemented this summer. It is a reading list that we can integrate into Wyocourses. We are going to be piloting this in the spring then rolling it out for fall semester. So instead of making a course reserve request through a paper or online form, instructors can just search the library catalog and add items to your reading list. In the navigation bar, we will be adding a tab that's called "Readings and resources." We are in the process of recruiting faculty to test this out. Feel free to email Kaijsa ([kcalkins@uwyo.edu](mailto:kcalkins@uwyo.edu)) to join the pilot program in the spring. As soon as it is implemented, we will reach out to faculty and show them how it works. Sammy has some plans to do some quick tutorials.

c. Library Coaches Program (Sammy Peter):

We have a program in the libraries called library coaches. It has been in existence for about a year and a half now, but we are rebranding it this year (from research mentors to library coaches). These are undergraduate students who are trained (for almost two months) in how to support their peers with research. We have them meet with all our librarians and they learn a lot about different databases so they can support students. We understand that it can be intimidating for students to make an appointment with a librarian, so having a peer that they can reach out to is a more accessible way to come and get support. We have two coaches: Allison and Holden. We offer some desk hours in the basement of the library for students to drop in, and they can also make an appointment. We haven't seen much involvement with the desk hours, so in the spring we are moving to appointment only.

We started a series on Instagram called "Tips and Tricks" every two weeks. Either a librarian or a library coach designs tips or tricks for students. So far, we have highlighted that databases can generate citations for you. If you have any students who you think would do great work, please send them our way as we will be recruiting.

d. Elsevier Negotiations Update (Jamie Markus):

We brought in an outside negotiator to help negotiate with Elsevier for our subscription via the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries. Denis Shannon is meeting with them right now, and it looks like Elsevier will be coming back with another offer later today or tomorrow. Our subscription ends at the end of the month. Our group has asked for an extension either through January or more ideally in March. Should negotiations look like

we are not going to have a deal by the end of the month, we will be sending a notification to faculty. This would be a multi-year deal, covering three to four years. Jamie thinks we will have an answer mid-January.

**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.

**7. Next Meeting:**

First Monday of February 2024, late afternoon, to be confirmed in due course:  
February 5, 2024, 3:15 – 4:30 p.m. in Coe 218 and via Zoom

**8. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.