

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

Council Members Present: Jihyun Lee, Tawnya Plumb, Cass Kvenild, Jamie Markus, Ginny Kilander, Rebecca Carron, Matt Gray, Katharine Teykl, 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 (Jamie Markus):

The Libraries recently hired Nora Kuster for the Special Collections Librarian position. She will start August 1<sup>st</sup>. We are finalizing our search for the Graduate Librarian position and an offer will be made today. We are also taking applications for the Discovery Librarian position, and we will review those applications within the next couple of weeks. Our Digital Librarian, Bryan Ricupero, is leaving us, so that position will be open as well. His last day is next Monday.

We have an open position for Dean. Cass Kvenild is the interim Dean. The Provost will be sending out a survey to library stakeholders about your thoughts; whether we should do a search or hire internally. The Library Council is to be included in the survey. Cass had been a librarian at UW since 2003. She started working at the Science Library; now known as the Library Annex. Then she moved over to Coe Library, where she was a Distance Librarian. She also worked at the LRC in the College of Education at the Lab School. Cass came back over to Coe Library to serve as Associate Dean under former Dean Ivan Gaetz for the last five years.

**4. General Library Updates:**

a. Strategic Plan for UW Libraries (Cass Kvenild):

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 have been undertaking strategic planning. We anticipate having this completed by May. Kaijsa has created a committee which includes Sammy Peter, Nelia Koontz, Kathi Wilhem, Shannon Person & Brenna Philbrick.

We already have a good plan considering we recently did a self-study and an external review. The committee will coordinate several town halls to discuss a variety of topics

and issues as well as talk to our stakeholders. We would appreciate any feedback, especially regarding how to communicate best with your colleges. We hope to have a draft to share with you during our next meeting in April.

b. Legislative Funding for Libraries Update (Cass Kvenild):

The University asked for additional funding for the libraries. The Governor did not recommend that funding. The Joint Appropriations Committee are recommending a \$500,000 a year recurring budget line for UW Libraries Collections. We are hoping that during the legislative session this month, our colleagues in Cheyenne will agree with that recommendation. If any questions or concerns come up in the meantime, please feel free to email Cass: [ckvenild@uwyo.edu](mailto:ckvenild@uwyo.edu)

The UW Libraries will use this money towards the collections budget and inflation with prices for electronic resources and books.

c. Prospector Updates (Jamie Markus):

The libraries transitioned from the Sierra library system to Primo last year. The prospector has been offline while we built it, but it is now live! Please feel free to try it out and let us know your feedback. There is currently a link where you can fill out your request. Prospector is used to burrow or loan materials from Colorado libraries, resource sharing in the region.

d. Elsevier Negotiations Update (Jamie Markus):

The Last six months, we (Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries) have been negotiating with Elsevier for our subscription. This is an expensive agreement, costing approximately \$680,000 per year. We have changed our contract terms. Instead of their Big Freedom Collection, which is an all-access type, we have gone to a shared title list with CSU and CU Boulder. This dropped 30% in terms of the cost and journals. We can get those journals through other means including our inter library loan and prospector.

We are currently under a 30-day extension that will expire at the end of February, so right now we are working on those final terms and conditions. This deal will be good for four years; totaling \$16 million. Please don't hesitate to let us know if your folks aren't seeing what they need to see. We do have the ability to make some swaps in our lists. Anschutz is continuing with the same contract, so they're not losing any access. We share a prospector and can borrow what we need directly from them.

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

Rebecca Carron: Jessica Rardin is wonderful. If Rebecca has any questions, Jessica gets right back to her. Jessica also went out of her way to look for evidence-based practice resources. Also, David Brown has helped Rebecca quite a bit. David was very flexible and adaptable.

Matt Gray: Matt wanted to give a general praise. He hasn't heard of any concerns from his folks.

**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. Open Access Textbooks: Alternative textbook grants for open educational resources, which convert textbooks to free versions that students can use. This year, the Calculus sequence are all open educational resources! Also, Chemistry is now open educational resources for CHEM 1010, which will save 2,000 students hundreds of dollars every year.

**7. Next Meeting:**

First Monday of April 2024, late afternoon, to be confirmed in due course:

April 1, 2024, 3:15 – 4:30 p.m. in Coe 506 and via Zoom

**8. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.