

**Library Council**  
**Meeting: Monday, April 1, 2024**  
**3:15 p.m.**  
**Coe Library Room 506 and Zoom**

Council Members Present: Tawnya Plumb, Cass Kvenild, Jamie Markus, Rebecca Carron, Matt Gray, Katharine Tekyl, Ginny Kilander, Paula Martin, Bre Deoring, Stephanie Cheng, Brenda Alexander, 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):

Since our last meeting in February, we have hired one faculty member, Jordan Hemingway, who is the new Graduate Research and Engagement Librarian. We do have an offer out for the Discovery Librarian position, and the Digital Collections Librarian position is now accepting applications. We have also hired a staff member, Eli Palmer, to be our new Website Coordinator.

Congratulations to Dean Kvenild! Members of the Library Council received an email from Academic Affairs with a survey asking for feedback.

Outstanding Staff Award (Paula Martin):

The recipient is Tandi Valdez! She has worked here for 37 years. Tandi works in our Interlibrary Loan (ILL) department.

ALA Library Instruction Award (Cass Kvenild):

Samantha Peter, Sammy, who runs our Reference and Instruction department, was honored by the American Library Association for her contribution to library instruction. This is a national, highly competitive award. It comes with a cash award, and she'll be honored at their annual conference this summer. Sammy was recognized for her contributions in bringing library instruction to the University, particularly in the areas of universal design and accessibility.

#### **4. General Library Updates:**

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

Kaijsa is coordinating our strategic planning group for the Libraries. We are working to develop a plan that reflects self-study, external review and the University's strategic plan. Where do we want to be in five years? We have been doing Think Tanks and will be reaching out to this group for input.

b. Legislative Funding (Jamie Markus):

We had some success during the last legislative session. We are receiving \$500,000 on an annual basis to update our collections and help offset inflationary increases. We are incredibly excited to start spending that money on July 1<sup>st</sup>. There is an opportunity that we might be able to use some of this funding for something new. We are open to suggestions. We will email a link for you to follow or just send someone at the Libraries an email and we will forward it to the right individual.

c. Elsevier Negotiations Update (Jamie Markus):

The last six months, the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries have been negotiating with Elsevier for our subscription. Denis Shannon has been representing the University of Wyoming Libraries. A contract was signed on Friday. Our agreement has changed a bit. We went to a shared title list. We are receiving approximately 85% of the content of what we were before and were able to negotiate a 30% discount on the price.

We can still provide items through prospector or interlibrary loan. We should have a reasonably quick turnaround for interlibrary loan items. If there are particular titles getting a lot of use, we will buy them. We do own the back files for most of these journals up through 2020. From 2020 to 2024, our contract was a read only agreement.

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

The new textbook program: the bookstore is extremely transparent in that they support open educational resources. The more people who adopt open educational resources, the lower the cost of that inclusive access program becomes. We want to save students money.

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

- a. Elect Chair: Rebecca Carron

#### **7. Next Meeting:**

First Monday of September 2024, late afternoon, to be confirmed in due course.

#### **8. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.