

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Weinberg Memorial Library
Tuesday, May 2, 2017

The meeting came to order at 11:35 a.m. By Marian Farrell

Present: Mr. Sean Bassler, Dr. Lori Bruch, Dr. Marzia Caporale, Dr. Kathy Dwyer, Dr. Marian Farrell, Mrs. Sharon Finnerty, Dr. Rita Fleming-Castaldy, Dr. Terri Freeman-Smith, Dr. David Friedrichs, Mr. Eugeniu Grigorescu, Dean Charles Kratz, Dr. Andrew LaZella, Interim Associate Dean Jean Lenville, Dr. Bonnie Markowski, Dr. Bob McClosky, Prof. Sheli McHugh, Prof. Bonnie Oldham, Dr. Kim Pavlick, Dr. Adam Pratt, Dr. Yamile Silva, Prof. Narda Tafuri, Dr. Ben Willis, Prof. Kristen Yarmey, and Dr. John Zych.

Unable to attend: Prof. George Aulio, Dr. Jessica Bachman, Dr. Dona Bauman, Dr. Yaodong Bi, Dr. Tracey Collins, Dr. Carol Cote, Dr. Darryl DeMarzio, Dr. Josephine Dunn, Dr. Michael Fennie, Dr. Teresa Grettano, Dr. Michael Hardisky, Mr. Adnan Herbawi, Dr. Jakub Jasinski, Dr. Robert Kocis, Dr. Barry Kuhle, Mr. Christopher Kustera, Dr. Michael Landram, Dr. Nathan Lefler, Dr. Yibai Li, Dr. Wendy Manetti, Dr. William Miller, Dr. Masood Otarod, Dr. William Parente, Dr. Christos Pargianas, Dr. Sufian Qrunfleh, Dr. David Salerno, Dr. Robert Shaffern, Dr. Robert Smith, Dr. Argyrios Varonides, and Prof. Donna Witek.

Dr. Farrell recognized Prof. Oldham's upcoming retirement. She spoke about Prof. Oldham's contributions to the University and the Library Advisory Committee. Dr. Fleming-Castaldy added compliments on Prof. Oldham's contributions to her department as well. Dr. Farrell presented Prof. Oldham with a gift on behalf of the Library Advisory Committee.

Dr. Bruch motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Castaldy. The minutes were accepted as written.

DEANS REPORT

Dean Kratz echoed the congratulations and well wishes to Prof. Oldham. He announced the Library was having a celebration in the Heritage Room on May 23, 2017 and that the invitations would be going out in the near future.

LIBRARY FACULTY POSITIONS - The 2 open Research and Instruction Librarian position searches have been completed and two librarians have been hired. The Research and Instruction Librarian for the Health Sciences will start June 1, 2017 and the Librarian for Business would start August 14th. We will send out notices as soon as the contracts are signed and final.

ASSOCIATE DEAN'S POSITION – Prof. Yarmey reported there are three on-campus candidates. The final candidate will be on campus Friday. Next week they are meeting to forward recommendations to Dean Kratz. They are hoping for a June 1 start date.

Dean Kratz also announced the Library has a gate attendant position open.

He asked for patience in the fall with the new librarians coming in with information literacy presentations.

BUDGET – Dean Kratz reported that the deposits for the acquisitions budget were due yesterday, but he hasn't heard anything. If you recall, the journal budget was splitting from the acquisitions budget. The Library asked for 6% (\$42,000), which was approved. If enrollment is down however, there may be a slight adjustment to that amount. Our 700 lines will see a 3% increase. He is speaking to the Faculty Senate in May about the new line.

Keep in mind that it's difficult to get new journals without canceling something else.

OTHER ITEMS

Iron Mountain Report – Interim Assoc. Dean Lenville reported the grand total of books called back is 8. Dean Kratz added that the AJCU Library Deans and Directors met here last week and there were many questions about that project. He pointed them to the case study. He said the conference went well but that all the libraries are concerned about the future of federal funding. Collectively, they are writing a resolution to take to the AJCU Board because the need for continual funding is paramount. When you host the conference you become the chair for the next year, so he will report back in the fall on outcomes.

New Printer – Dean Kratz wished our student representative Sean Bassler well with his upcoming graduation. He said having student representation in the Library is important. A new printer was purchased for the reference desk. The Pro Deo printers are receiving high use and we are in the process of trying to update those printers as well.

WML Re-Carpeting - Dean Kratz announced we are re-carpeting the 4th floor stack areas.

Journals - Prof. Tafuri reported journals are going out for binding and will be back July 5th. She would like to send the allocation budget letters out electronically rather than print letters in an effort of sustainability. The letters go out the beginning of August. Dr. Bruch asked if the Department Secretaries are copied on the letters.

CONTENTdm - Prof. Yarmey is doing a CONTENTdm upgrade. The WML is also doing an ENCORE update, which is our catalog.

Information Literacy - Prof. Oldham thanked the Information Literacy subcommittee members for serving. Because we didn't have any grants given in the fall, we were able to give 4 this spring: Dr. Dalgin is working with Prof. Witek, Dr. Smulowitz & Dr. Cerritos are working with Prof. Aulisio, and Dr. Silva is working with Prof. Norris. Congratulations to the recipients.

Library Research Prize - Prof. Oldham also announced the Library Research Prize committee is meeting tomorrow to make selections. She said they received five applications from graduate students and nine from undergraduate. The award ceremony is next Thursday in the Heritage Room at 2:30. Everyone is invited to attend.

2018 Spring Break Hours - Interim Associate Dean Lenville updated the committee about upcoming 2018 spring break hours. With the 2nd floor open 24/7 there is an impact the week of spring break. That week

the building is open until 10 pm. We are considering a 4:30 closing which is consistent with other times when students aren't on campus. We are going to talk to student government about it.

Dr. Bruch thought if students knew in advance then they could plan accordingly. Prof. Oldham added it would be better to be consistent for the week. Dean Kratz asked Mr. Bassler for recommendations on how to communicate it to students.

Scranton Family Papers – Prof. Yarmey reported on the Scranton Family Papers. In 2015, as part of the 150th Anniversary Celebration, the Weinberg Library collaborated with a Scan-a-Thon. The collection is housed at the Scranton Historical Society. We were focused on the George W. Scranton subset of the collection.

She said there are 1600 digitized images, covering 1840-1875. The collection contains ledgers of Joseph H. Scranton & other documents from William Walker Scranton. There is national importance with who some of the correspondence is going to.

Students entered a lot of the data manually. They are now publicly available online. She then showed visual examples of some of the documents in the collection.

Databases & Electronic Resources – Prof. Tafuri reported on GOBI, a database developed by YBP, which can be used for people to identify titles for purchase. Book sellers have moved away from paper lists and have gone electronic and GOBI is an easy way to get that information on a regular basis. She said you can customize different setups, re: subject areas, classifications, notifications, etc. Emails can come as html or as PDFs, which can be blasted out to department members. The database covers US & UK titles. You are under no obligation to purchase the titles you receive in notifications. They are only suggestions. She is happy to help set people up for notifications.

She also reported that World Languages and Cultures has a subscription to Digitalia Hispanica, which contains materials from Spain & Latin America. She walked the committee through how to search and use the database. You can also listen to books being read.

We also have the Digitalia Film Library. The nice thing about it is that usage rights are also included. It's not as flashy as Alexander Street, but it's easy to use. She gave an example of how to search and play a film.

Dr. Farrell thanked the Committee. The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

- Respectfully submitted by Kym Balthazar Fetsko