

Library Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes March 3, 2014

Present: Ms. Taryn Anthony, Dr. Lori Bruch, Dr. Tracey Collins, Dr. Carol A. Cote', Dr. Harry Dammer, Dr. Marian L. Farrell, Chair, Dr. Michael Fennie, Dr. Teresa Grettano, Mr. Eugeniu Grigorescu, Dr. Andrew LaZella, Assistant Dean Jean Lenville, Dr. Yibai Li. Dr. Bob McCloskey, Prof. Sheli McHugh, Prof. Betsey Moylan, Dr. Christos Pargianas, Dean Charles Kratz, Dr. Adam Pratt, Mrs. Elizabeth Shomaker, Dr. Yamile Silva, Associate Dean Bonnie Strohl, Ms. Caroline Swift, Prof. Narda Tafuri, and Dr. Ben Willis.

Unable to attend: Prof. Mr. George Aulisio, Dr. Terri Freeman-Smith, Dr. Barry X. Kuhle, Dr. Nathan Lefler, Prof. Bonnie W. Oldham, Dr. Argyrios Varonides, Prof. Donna Witek, and Prof. Kristen Yarmey.

The meeting came to order at 12:05 p.m. On a motion by Dr. Bruch, seconded by Dr. LaZella, the minutes were approved as written.

Dean Kratz reported that a [Library Advisory Committee](#) page with the roster, agenda, minutes and documents distributed at meetings is available from the Library's homepage. [The WML + 10 document](#) that included comments from the December 9, 2013, meeting was emailed to Committee members with the meeting's minutes. This document is a look forward at a pivotal point as the Library celebrated 20 years in the Weinberg Memorial facility. Dean Kratz will share the document with Dr. Harrington. Dr. Farrell suggested an open lunch time forum in April at which faculty, staff and students will have an opportunity to provide input on where the Library should go in the future. A final document will be presented to the new Provost. Based on the number of people who RSVP, the forum would be held in the Heritage Room of the library or another room on campus to accommodate all who are interested in attending.

Dean Kratz asked Ms. Strohl to convene in the near future the two subcommittees that were formed at the December 9th meeting. The Library Allocation Subcommittee will examine the allocation formula for new monies. The present formula has been in place for more than twenty years. The following Committee Members volunteered to serve on that subcommittee: Narda Tafuri, Betsey Moylan, Adam Pratt, Erica Lasek-Nesselquist, Scott Breloff, Tracy Collins, Marian Farrell and Bonnie Strohl. In the discussion of the WML + 10 document, there was discussion of possible expansion of library space. The following Committee Members volunteered to serve on that subcommittee Carol Cote, Ben Willis, Michael Knies, Marian Farrell, Jean Lenville, and Bonnie Strohl. Jim Devers will be invited to the meeting of this Subcommittee.

Dean Kratz reported that he had been asked to cut \$92,000 from the Library's budget for AY2014/15. A group of Library faculty and administrators met to review the use of databases paid for from library general funds. A list of titles identified for cancellation is posted on the Library Advisory Committee [documents page](#). These total \$55,000. Dean Kratz, Prof. Kevin Norris, Dr. Roy Domenico and Dr. Robert Shaffern met to discuss *America: History and Life* (AHL) and *Historical Abstracts*. Both of these are abstracts only with no fulltext; they link to fulltext in other databases. AHL is paid for by the Library and is the more heavily used of the two. The History department opted to cancel *Historical Abstracts* and take AHL into their departmental budget in its place. The remaining \$37,000 will be from a 3% increase that Dr.

Baillie secured for the Library for next year. Depending on recruitment for next year's class, it may be necessary to reduce departmental allocations. For new programs and to support accreditation for departments, it is important to maintain the Library's budget.

Following some discussion, it was decided not to write a letter of support from the Library Advisory Committee for funding for Library acquisitions at this time. The Library did get a 3% increase. New Programs should stipulate funding for support of their curricula as they are proposed. The Library will continue to gather data on use of resources.

Dean Kratz announced the inaugural lecture in the Jay Nathan, Ph.D. Lecture Series, "Kazakhstan & Central Asia: History, Culture, Politics & Economy." Speakers are Dr. Nathan, Kairat Umarov, Kazakhstan's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the U.S., William Courtney, senior principal for policy strategy at Computer Sciences Corporation; and Nancy Neill co-author of *Real Collaboration: What it Takes for Global Health to Succeed*. The panel discussion is free of charge and open to the public.

Beth Shomaker, Special Collection Assistant, distributed a flyer *225 Years from Fact to Fiction*, selections from the Edward R. Leahy Collection of rare books on Mutiny on the Bounty. She presented an overview of the history behind the Mutiny on the Bounty including a glimpse, illustrated with slides from the collection, of the events and the personality of Captain Bligh. The books are on display in the 5th floor Scranton Heritage Room from February 7 to April 17, 2014. Atty. Leahy will give a presentation in the Heritage Room from on April 9, 2014, at 5:30 p.m., followed by a reception sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Schemel Forum. The PowerPoint slides are available from the Library's homepage on the [Library Advisory Committee Documents](#) page.

Prof. Moylan reported that for Fall 2013, the Library received several applications for the [Library Research Prize](#). For Spring 2014, the deadline for application for the undergraduate and graduate \$500 prizes is May 2, 2014. Students write approximately 500 words about how they conducted research for projects that they append to their application. The faculty member to whom the project was submitted needs to write a letter of support. The call for volunteers to serve on the Library Research Prize Award Subcommittee was accepted by: Dr. Carol Cote, Dr. Andrew LaZella, Dr. Christos Pargianas, Dr. Adam Pratt, and Dr. Yamile Silva, and Dr. Ben Willis.

Prof. Sheli McHugh presented an update on the Reilly Learning Commons. She showed the floor plan and described resources and service that will be available in the room. The budget for the facility has grown from \$250,000 to \$450,000. A bequest from the estate of Joseph C. Reilly who served as a University of Scranton custodian from 1949-1992, was a major contribution for the funding of this room. Since the initial bequest, Mr. Reilly's sister Kay Reilly, who was among the first women to graduate from the University, made a donation and has included an additional donation in her estate plan. A lecture capture room was added to the initial year of the

project. The facility will include Writing Center satellite rooms. Slides of Prof. McHugh's presentation are available on the [Library Advisory Committee documents page](#).

Ms. Strohl tantalized those present with what they would have seen if our trial to the *CQ Researcher* had not expired. This stimulated so much interest in seeing the database that it should be considered as a strategy for future presentations. ([CQ Research](#) is now available on the Library's A-Z list of databases)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Strohl