

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Weinberg Memorial Library
Wednesday, November 30, 2016

The meeting came to order at 11:41 a.m. by Marian Farrell

Present: Dr. Jessica Bachman, Dr. Lori Bruch, Dr. Marcia Caporale, Dr. Tracey Collins, Dr. Darryl DeMarzio, Dr. Marian Farrell, Mrs. Sharon Finnerty, Dr. Rita Fleming-Castaldy, Dr. Terri Freeman-Smith, Dr. David Friedrichs, Dr. Teresa Grettano, Mr. Eugeniu Grigorescu, Dr. Jakub Jasinski, Mr. Charles Kratz, Mr. Christopher Kustera, Dr. Michael Landrum, Dr. Andrew Lazella, Ms. Jean Lenville, Dr. Bob McCloskey, Prof. Sheli McHugh, Dr. William Miller, Prof. Betsey Moylan, Prof. Bonnie Oldham, Dr. Christos Pargianas, Dr. Adam Pratt, Dr. Yamile Silva, Prof. Narda Tafuri, Dr. Ben Willis, Prof. Donna Witek, Prof. Kristen Yarmey, and Dr. John Zych.

Unable to attend: Prof. George Aulio, Mr. Sean Bassler, Dr. Dona Bauman, Dr. Yaodong Bi, Dr. Carol Cote, Dr. Josephine Dunn, Dr. Kathy Dwyer, Dr. Michael Fennie, Dr. Michael Hardisky, Dr. Adnan Herbawi, Dr. Robert Kocis, Dr. Barry Kuhle, Dr. Nathan Lefler, Dr. Yibai Li, Dr. Wendy Mannetti, Dr. Masood Otarod, Dr. William Parente, Dr. Kim Pavlick, Dr. Sufian Qrunfleh, Dr. David Salerno, Dr. Robert Shaffern, Dr. Robert Smith, and Dr. Argyrios Varonides.

Dr. Farrell led introductions.

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

Dr. Farrell announced Prof. Moylan is retiring after 35 years and thanked her for her many of her contributions to the university. Dr. Farrell presented her with a gift.

DEAN'S REPORT

Dean Kratz reported on Library staffing news. He reported the Associate Dean's search failed. The committee felt the candidate was not the right fit. We are in the beginning stages of a new search. The Provost recommended a new committee, so the committee is forming and should be set before Christmas. Dr. Pellegrino will continue to serve as Chair. Mr. Grigorescu and Dr. Darla Germeroth will also continue serving on the committee. The Associate Dean's Search is a faculty handbook governed search. The new search will begin in early February. Dean Kratz encouraged LAC members to come to any scheduled events with candidates.

Dr. Pratt suggested a clearer way to receive the invites to the Associate Dean Candidates Forums. He stated the invitation was confusing. Dean Kratz said he will push the suggestion through to get the invitation out in a clearer message.

Dean Kratz reported Prof. McHugh was elected the new chair of the Library Faculty Dept. Prof. McHugh is interim until the end of August, at which time there will be a re-election.

Dean Kratz announced Prof. Oldham is retiring at the end of May. He thanked her for her many contributions to information literacy and assessment. She has been at the University since 2004.

He also announced that the Library is celebrating Prof. Moylans's retirement on December 16th in the Heritage Room, 3-6 pm. The invitations are forthcoming.

Dean Kratz discussed how these changes affect the library. Prof. Aulisio will move to day shift as the new Reference Department Coordinator. Prof. Witek will take on the role of Information Literacy Coordinator and is moving to day shift as well beginning June 1. He has received permission from Dr. Driesbach to fill the two vacant evening positions. The searches for those two positions will begin after the 1st of the year. Dr. Pratt asked if they will be separate searches. Dean Kratz said we are looking for candidates with specific subject backgrounds, and that he hoped they could be run as one search.

Dean Kratz said the evening shift is going to be a bit different than it has in the past. The new hires will work 1 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. This will help bridge the day and evening shifts. He asks for patience during the transition period.

The next issue Dean Kratz reported on was the journal inflation project. The Finance Department proposed creating a separate budget to handle inflation increases. Prof. Tafuri and Dean Kratz were charged with coming up with a projected inflationary rate for next year. They recommended a 6% increase. Dean Kratz said the budget will be formally created in June. It will be about \$700,000. He says we are approaching it as a pilot for the next three years. He will need to report back to the faculty senate in the spring.

The Academic Support Committee of the Student Senate meets with Dean Kratz once a semester to talk about their issues, concerns and ideas. The students like the new Brody chairs, and would like to see more purchased. The Friends of the Library Board agreed to fund six additional chairs, which will be ordered in the spring.

The Academic Support Committee also wants a noise policy developed. This proposal was discussed in the Library Faculty meeting. The finalized proposal will be given to Admissions tours so they are consistent in what is said, but we do not have the staff to police it.

Another proposal from the Academic Support Committee was they would like The Writing Center to have a greater presence in this building. They suggested using a group study room, but Dean Kratz is hesitant because of the steady demand for study rooms. He recommended doing open hours at Collegiate Hall, which was initially tried as a pilot and had a good response. Student government said they would like to see Sunday hours.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prof. Oldham spoke about the Library Research Prize. She gave out a handout with additional information. The deadline for submissions is December 5th for summer/fall courses.

Prof. Tafuri reported that book orders are due February 14th, and journal binding is December 23rd.

Interim Associate Dean Lenville spoke about the Communications List with 66 items suggested for withdrawal. There is also a second list about duplicate book copies. The message went out to the LAC on October 4th. The deadlines have now passed. She would like to move the project forward and work on it in January.

Related to this issue, there was a question about books going back to the department at the last meeting, but no one responded.

Interim Associate Dean Lenville also reported Iron Mountain is going to be videotaping us on the success of our project. They are coming out on Friday. Drs. Lazella, Pratt, Pavlick and Farrell agreed to speak on camera about their experiences with the project. Dean Kratz suggested we speak about the apprehension about the project when initially suggested. Ms. Lenville reported that on November 4th a few Library employees took a tour of the facility. Our books are in 14C. She said it was very interesting to see. Initially Iron Mountain was a cement mine, then a mushroom farm. With regard to our project, as of yesterday, five books have been called back.

Prof. Tafuri then reported on a new database called Statista, which is a statistics database. She said it is extremely easy to use, and multidisciplinary. One of the data providers is Wards, which is impressive because we are not in a position to afford Wards on its own. Statista reports are downloadable in many different formats and includes citation options.

Dr. Jasinski asked when we will have access to the product. Prof. Tafuri said it was newly added and is available. She said Mrs. Fetsko will email the handout to everyone.

Prof. Tafuri also reported that she has informed the School of Management that the S&P NetAdvantage database is moving to a new platform on December 19th. They have given us access to the new platform now. (<http://na.capitaliq.com/ip/SCRAN>). There are tutorials and the help features look good.

The meeting adjourned 12:35.

-- Respectfully submitted by Kym Fetsko