

**LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Weinberg Memorial Library**  
**Wednesday, February 22, 2017**

The meeting came to order at 11:39 a.m. By Marian Farrell

Present: Prof. George Auliso, Mr. Sean Bassler, Dr. Dona Bauman, Dr. Lori Bruch, Dr. Kathy Dwyer, Dr. Marian Farrell, Dr. Michael Fennie, Dr. Rita Fleming-Castaldy, Ms. Colleen Farry for Prof. Michael Knies, Dr. David Friedrichs, Mr. Eugeniu Grigorescu, Dean Charles Kratz, Dr. Michael Landram, Dr. Andrew Lazella, Interim Associate Dean Jean Lenville, Dr. Yibai Li, Dr. Wendy Manetti, Prof. Bonnie Markowski for Dr. Teresa Grettano, Dr. Bob McClosky, Prof. Sheli McHugh, Dr. William Miller, Dr. Christos Pargianas, Dr. Kim Pavlick, Dr. Adam Pratt, Prof. Narda Tafuri, Dr. Ben Willis, Prof. Donna Witek, Prof. Kristen Yarmey, and Dr. John Zych.

Unable to attend: Dr. Jessica Bachman, Dr. Yaodong Bi, Dr. Douglas Boyle, Dr. Marzia Caporale, Dr. Tracey Collins, Dr. Carol Cote, Dr. Darryl DeMarzio, Dr. Josephine Dunn, Mrs. Sharon Finnerty, Dr. Terri Freeman-Smith, Dr. Michael Hardinsky, Mr. Adnan Herbawi, Dr. Jakub Jasinski, Dr. Robert Kocis, Dr. Barry Kuhle, Mr. Christopher Kustera, Dr. Nathan Lefler, Prof. Bonnie Oldham, Dr. Masood Otarod, Dr. William Parente, Dr. Sufian Qrunfleh, Dr. David Salerno, Dr. Robert Shaffern, Dr. Yamile Silva, Dr. Robert Smith, and Dr. Argyrios Varonides.

Dr. Farrell led introductions. She thanked the Library staff & CTLE for their help during the recent Nursing Graduate Program accreditation visit.

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

**DEANS REPORT**

**SCHOLARSHIP MONTH** - Dean Kratz reported on our Scholarship Month Exhibit. He is about to send out the memo which asks faculty to send materials published since June of 2016 to Special Collections Librarian, Prof. Michael Knies, for inclusion in our yearly exhibit. We have Faculty Club scheduled in the Heritage Room in May. Faculty may choose to give their publications to the Library to be added into the collection, or can ask to have them returned. The deadline to Prof. Knies is April 24th.

**LIBRARY FACULTY POSITIONS** - Dean Kratz gave an update on the two open Library Faculty positions. Since Prof. Betsey Moylan's retirement in December, there has been some position restructuring. Prof. Auliso has moved to day shift to fill the role of Reference Coordinator. Prof. Bonnie Oldham has also announced her retirement in May, 2017. At that time, Prof. Donna Witek will become the new Information Literacy Coordinator and will also move to the day shift. The two evening Research & Instruction Librarians will work a 1 pm – 9 pm, Monday through Friday schedule.

With regard to the faculty searches, Prof. Auliso reported that by the end of the day they will have the list of phone interview candidates. The committee plans to have phone interviews finished by March 17<sup>th</sup>. They are hoping to bring at least three candidates to campus for each position. One will be a liaison to health sciences, while the other will be the liaison for business. Prof. Auliso is hopeful for an open

forum for the University community, but is definitely planning a time for candidates to meet with representatives of the LAC.

**ASSOCIATE DEAN'S POSITION** - Prof. McHugh reported the Associate Dean's position is posted and open. It has been up for about two weeks. She said we are advertising heavily and applicant review will begin on March 13<sup>th</sup>, followed soon after by phone interviews. The position will stay open and posted until filled. Dr. Willis asked what the start date is. Dean Kratz anticipates a June 1, 2017 start. He also added that this is the second round so the qualifications were adjusted to open it up to more potential candidates. Public or other Library experience was also included instead of just academic library experience. Dean Pellegrino is the chair of the search. Dean Kratz would like the LAC to attend meetings with candidates if possible because this position works with faculty on accreditation reports among other things.

Mr. Bassler reported a representative from student government is serving on the Associate Dean's search.

**BUDGET** – As was reported at the last meeting, a new fund was set up to handle journal inflation. A 6% increase was asked for, which amounts to approximately \$700,000.00. Once confirmed, Dean Kratz will give a report to the Faculty Senate.

**OTHER ITEMS** – Dean Kratz reported some of the stack areas will be recarpeted this summer. There will be some minor disruption while the work is completed.

Interim Associate Dean Lenville reported on Parade Day hours. She said because we are not in session, they like us to shut down card swipe access. The building will close at 4:30 on Friday and then reopen at noon on Sunday. Last year we were in session so the first two floors were open.

Prof. Aulisio announced that the dates of the Library's Environmental Art Show are April 18-22, and that the show is open to students, staff, and faculty. A call for submissions has gone out requesting environmentally themed art. The show is open to any medium: photos, paintings, mixed media, recycled art, etc. This is our 7th annual show. Please consider submitting by April 17th.

Lastly, Dean Kratz added the show needs to come down Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> because we are hosting about 20-25 Jesuit Library Deans and Directors for the annual AJCU Library Deans & Directors Conference, April 23-26. Jim Neal the current president elect of the American Library Association is keynoting the event.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Interim Assoc. Dean Lenville reported on behalf of Prof. Oldham, regarding the Information Literacy Stipends. The deadline for applications is March 24<sup>th</sup>. She is asking for LAC members to serve on the Information Literacy stipend sub-committee to select recipients. We need one representative from each college to serve. Dr. Zych (KSOM) has volunteered to be on the subcommittee. A sign-up sheet was passed around. The following faculty members volunteered: Dr. Pavlick, Dr. Willis, Dr. Fleming-Castaldy and Dr. Miller.

Additionally, faculty were reminded about the Library Research Prize. Faculty are encouraged to talk to students about Library Research prize. More information can be found at:

[www.scranton.edu/libraryresearchprize](http://www.scranton.edu/libraryresearchprize). The deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Judges are needed for that committee

as well. A sign-up sheet was passed around. The following faculty members volunteered: Dr. Fennie, Prof. McHugh, Dr. Manetti, Dr. Pargianas, Dr. Bauman and Prof. Markowski. Undergraduate students as well as grad students should be encouraged. Dean Kratz asked Prof. Markowski to encourage first year students.

Prof. Tafuri gave a handout on the Philadelphia Inquirer and Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Digital Archives, and ebrary. She reported PALCI has negotiated with ProQuest so we are able to get additional resources without spending additional money. Two permanent acquisitions are the archives of the Philadelphia Inquirer and the Pittsburgh Gazette. You can search them directly through our online catalog or through the databases link. They are still loading digital content into the database until August, 2017 for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and by the end of the year for the Philadelphia Inquirer. Prof. Tafuri gave a walkthrough on how to search for items.

Prof. Yarmey added ProQuest is liberal for use of content for research and other works.

Dr. Friedrichs gave an example that a lost Walt Whitman novel was recently located by accident while someone was searching historical content databases in a similar fashion.

Prof. Tafuri continued by reporting we are receiving additional e-books through the PALCI eBook program. Because of their negotiation, we will have over 170,000+ books from ebrary.

Interim Assoc. Dean Lenville updated the committee on the Remote Storage Program. She reported that 584 duplicates were discarded, and that as of today there are still only five books that have been called back. Our video is now up on the iron mountain webpage (<http://www.ironmountain.com/Solutions/Library.aspx>). Interim Assoc. Dean Lenville thanked everyone for their contributions to the project. Dean Kratz has spoken with other libraries about the success of our project.

Colleen Farry, Special Collections Assistant, spoke on behalf of Prof. Knies who is out of the country on a research trip. She reported on the exhibit currently on view in the Heritage Room titled *From Medieval to Modern: Highlights from the Weinberg Library Rare Book Collection*. The exhibit features rare materials ranging from the 11<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> centuries and includes medieval manuscript leaves, books printed before 1500 (known as incunabula), books printed during the hand press era, books printed during the 19<sup>th</sup>-century development of mechanization in book production, and 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> century fine and private press books. The exhibit also features a significant number of works from the Zaner-Bloser Company Penmanship Collection.

Ms. Farry presented a slideshow highlighting some of the pieces in the exhibit.

A presentation by Prof. Knies and a reception for the exhibit is scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup> in the Heritage room at 6 pm.

In conclusion, Dean Kratz reported that the tactical plan is on the agenda for the next Library Faculty Meeting. Our current plan ends in 2017 so we will need to update it. We have our priorities set, but they will need to be renewed. He will bring a draft to the LAC for input.

Dr. Farrell reminded everyone that the next LAC meeting is scheduled for May 3rd.

The meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

- Respectfully submitted by Kym Balthazar Fetsko