

**LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Weinberg Memorial Library**  
**Monday, September 24, 2018**

The meeting came to order at 12:03 p.m. by Dr. Marian Farrell.

Present: Prof. George Auliso, Prof. Kelly Banyas, Dr. Lori Bruch, Dr. Marzia Caporale, Dr. Tracey Collins, Prof. Frank Conserette, Dr. Darryl DeMarzio, Dr. Kathy Dwyer, Prof. Colleen Farry, Dr. Marian Farrell, Mrs. Sharon Finnerty, Dr. Rita Fleming-Castaldy, Dr. Terri Freeman-Smith, Dr. Teresa Grettano, Mr. Eugeniu Grigorescu, Prof. Michael Knies, Dean Charles Kratz, Dr. Andrew LaZella, Associate Dean Jean Lenville, Dr. Yibai Li, Dr. Wendy Manetti, Mr. Robert McGowan, Dr. Susan Mendez, Dr. William Miller, Prof. Linda Mlodzienski, Dr. Kim Pavlick, Dr. Adam Pratt, Prof. Sheli Pratt-McHugh, Atty. Jason Shrive, Prof. Narda Tafuri, and Dr. John Zych.

Unable to attend: Dr. Yaodong Bi, Dr. Carol Cote, Dr. Josephine Dunn, Dr. Michael Fennie, Dr. Michael Hardisky, Dr. Jakub Jasinski, Dr. Barry Kuhle, Dr. Michael Landram, Dr. Nathan Lefler, Dr. Bob McCloskey, Dr. William Parente, Dr. Masood Otarod, Dr. Christos Pargianas, Dr. Sufian Qrunfleh, Dr. Robert Shaffern, Dr. Yamile Silva, Dr. Argyrios Varonides, Dr. Ben Willis, and Prof. Donna Witek.

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

**DEANS REPORT – Dean Charles E. Kratz**

Staffing Changes – Dean Kratz announced that Colleen Farry became our Digital Services Librarian in July. The Special Collections Asst. Position was filled and Prof. Knies will speak more about it later in the meeting.

Prof. Kelly Banyas will move into Prof. Norris's vacant position effective January 1, 2019, which is now the Research and Instruction Librarian for Student Success. The search for Prof. Banyas's Health Sciences vacated position began in August, 2018. The hire won't start until January 1, 2019. Prof. Donna Witek is chairing. The committee will begin reviewing applications in early October, 2018 and then schedule interviews soon after.

The Assistant Dean of the Library Search Committee will begin interviewing candidates in November, 2018.

The Library Advisory Committee will be invited to attend both position candidate presentations.

The only other opening is the Library Guard position, which we are trying to fill.

Other Items – Dean Kratz announced that the Scranton Family made a substantial gift to the University and a portion of that gift was earmarked for World Languages and Cultures. That endowment was named for Frank A. Cimini. It is for approximately \$140,000.00.

He also reported that the Bonnie W. Oldham Endowment is now funded and we will be able to use that money for our Library Research Award prizes in 2019/2020.

Dean Kratz continued by reporting that the Research Instruction Librarians have been meeting about 2nd floor renovations. Dr. Gingerich has approved retaining an architect to come in in the future when they are ready to move into that phase of the discussion.

In other renovation news, the HVAC project on the 5th floor is complete. The 5th floor will be recarpeted over intersession.

He concluded by stating that everyone should have received budget information from us by now. If anyone hadn't, he asked that they let us know.

Dr. Pavlick asked about if any of the books we relocated during the Iron Mountain project had come back. Jean reported later in the meeting that to date, only 19 books have been recalled.

### Announcements

Information Literacy Stipends - On behalf of the Information Literacy Program and Prof. Witek (Information Literacy Coordinator), Prof. Farry reported that on September 17, the call for proposals for Information Literacy Stipends for Intersession and Spring 2019 courses went out to all full and part-time faculty. The deadline for Information Literacy Stipend proposals is Friday, November 2, 2018.

An Information Literacy Subcommittee of the Library Advisory Committee is needed to vet the proposals during the month of November. We are able to award up to two \$1000 stipends for courses being offered in Intersession or Spring 2019.

A sign-up sheet for the Information Literacy Subcommittee to vet the stipend proposals was circulated. At least one faculty member from each college represented on the subcommittee. The subcommittee meets once in November to discuss the proposals and make recommendations to Charles of which to fund.

The faculty members who signed up for the subcommittee are:

1. Prof. Jason Shrive, Criminal Justice, CAS
2. Dr. Wendy Manetti, Nursing, PCPS
3. Dr. Teresa Grettano, English & Theater, CAS
4. Dr. Kim Palvick, Communications, CAS
5. Dr. John Zyck, Marketing KSOM

Prof. Witek will reach out to all who sign up with further information as the deadline approaches.

Bonnie W. Oldham Library Research Prize Endowment Fundraiser – Prof. Pratt-McHugh announced that the Library Faculty have created a fundraiser event at Copper's on Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 pm called Cask for a Cause. \$1 from each pint will be donated to the Endowment. **(The flyer is attached.)**

Articles Tab – Prof. Aulisio demonstrated the Articles Tab in the catalog, and pointed out its faults. The Research Librarians are proposing the tab's removal. Dean Kratz added that we are going to look for discovery software in the future.

Dr. Bruch brought forth the motion to delete the tab. Dr. Fleming-Castaldy seconded the motion. Everyone approved and the motion passed.

The Terry & Paula Connors Photograph Collection – Prof. Farry presented and gave an update on The Terry & Paula Connors Photograph Project. She gave a history on the collection and the process for processing the negatives as well as cataloging the digital side of his collection. Both are time consuming.

She then demonstrated where to find them in our collection.

Prof. Farry's goal for phase 3 of the project is to make the negative assignments available in the same format as the digital files, which are listed by assignment. That way, the researcher can see all the events that have taken place prior to the digital collection assignments. It would preserve and make the negative information accessible as well. There are approx. 6000 assignments in the negative collection. They are hoping to get the assignment details listed in the collection. (See The Terry & Paula Connors Photograph Collection presentation, which is attached, for more detailed information.)

Zaner Bloser Exhibit – Before talking about the Zaner Bloser Exhibit, Prof. Michael Knies announced that we hired Christian Scipiono for the Special Collections Assistant position. He is starting mid-October.

Ms. Rebecca Dzikowski created the presentation that Prof. Knies presented to the Library Advisory Committee with a presentation on some of the items included in the exhibit. **(The presentation is attached.)**

The reception & program is in the Heritage Room on October 24th, 6-8 pm.

Dean Kratz added that the collection is quite unique and valuable.

MISO Survey Results – Associate Dean Lenville demonstrated where to find our MISO results on the Library webpage. She explained the survey assesses both IT and the Library, and that the chart parses out and answers only the Library related comments.

2018 MISO Survey Comments Link:

<http://www.scranton.edu/academics/wml/about/assessment/2018-all-coded-library-comments-final.pdf>

18-19 Library Priorities - She also reported that the Library faculty met to discuss our 18-19 priorities. Top priorities include filling vacant positions, and looking at 2nd floor renovations. Prof. Witek has also been redesigning the Information Literacy webpages. She's exploring ways to get that instruction more online and across different departments.

Library Priorities for 18-19 Link:

[http://www.scranton.edu/academics/wml/about/planning/library\\_priorities\\_2018-19\\_for\\_website.pdf](http://www.scranton.edu/academics/wml/about/planning/library_priorities_2018-19_for_website.pdf)

Prof. Pratt-McHugh is working on updates to the lecture capture room and also adding a room for podcasts.

Associate Dean Lenville also reported that the Research & Scholarly Services Librarians are looking at the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor desk functionality and staffing.

She also reported that our authority control vendor is going out of business so we are looking for a replacement. We are also looking at alternative digital services platforms due to problems we've encountered over the past few months.

SCOPUS – Dr. Farrell talked about a subscription and trial of a product of Elsevier, called Scopus. It organizes faculty research. It is a competitor to Web of Science. Prof. Tafuri said that Scopus was approximately \$17,000 back in 2015-2016 so it would take more than one department joining together to fund having it.

Dr. Farrell asked if that might interest any departments. She asked if we could take a look at it more in depth at the next meeting and if Prof. Tafuri could get quotes for both Scopus and Web of Science.

Dr. Dwyer asked if it is mostly for the sciences and in relation that question, Prof. Aulisio asked if it covers every subject area. Prof. Tafuri believes it covers all subjects and will try to get a trial together for the next meeting. The dates for the trial period will be approximately November 15 – December 15, 2018.

Next Meeting – The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am – 12:45 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

- Respectfully submitted by Kym Balthazar Fetsko