

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Weinberg Memorial Library
Thursday, December 6, 2018

The meeting came to order at 11:40 a.m. by Dr. Marian Farrell.

Present: Prof. George Aulio, Prof. Kelly Banyas, Dr. Marzia Caporale, Prof. Frank Conserette, Dr. Carol Cote, Dr. Marian Farrell, Prof. Colleen Farry, Dr. Michael Fennie, Mrs. Sharon Finnerty, Dr. Terri Freeman-Smith, Mr. Eugeniu Grigorescu, Prof. Michael Knies, Dean Charles Kratz, Associate Dean Jean Lenville, Dr. Yibai Li, Dr. Kim Pavlick, Dr. Adam Pratt, Prof. Sheli Pratt-McHugh, Prof. Narda Tafuri, Prof. Donna Witek, and Dr. John Zych.

Unable to attend: Dr. Yaodong Bi, Dr. Lori Bruch, Dr. Tracey Collins, Dr. Darryl DeMarzio, Dr. Josephine Dunn, Dr. Kathy Dwyer, Dr. Rita Fleming-Castaldy, Dr. Teresa Grettano, Dr. Michael Hardisky, Dr. Jakub Jasinski, Dr. Barry Kuhle, Dr. Michael Landram, Dr. Andrew LaZella, Dr. Nathan Lefler, Dr. Wendy Manetti, Dr. Bob McCloskey, Mr. Robert McGowan, Dr. William Miller, Prof. Linda Mlodzienski, Dr. William Parente, Dr. Masood Otarod, Dr. Christos Pargianas, Dr. Sufian Qrunfleh, Dr. Robert Shaffern, Atty. Jason Shrive, Dr. Yamile Silva, Dr. Argyrios Varonides, and Dr. Ben Willis.

Prof. Aulio motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Freeman-Smith. The minutes were accepted as written.

DEANS REPORT – Dean Charles E. Kratz

Budget – Dean Kratz explained that the journal and book budgets were separated a few years ago, and it's worked out well. We have received percentage increases every year since we separated out, 6% the first year and 5% the second year. This year we asked for 5% again.

The book budget is generally around 3%. Prof. Tafuri has submitted the proposal.

Staffing Changes – Dean Kratz announced that on January 1st, Prof. Banyas is assuming the role of Research and Instruction Librarian for Student Success. Some students are asking for more support, and Prof. Banyas will focus on that.

The Health Sciences Librarian search is wrapping up. Hopefully an announcement is coming soon.

Additionally, the committee is finishing up the Assistant Dean search and are hoping to conclude that search by Christmas.

Other Items – Dean Kratz reported that Student Government came to him two weeks ago asking for more space. The MISO comments were then shown to the committee, specifically where students were asking for more hours/space. They are also asking for more of the building to be open 24/7. Dean Kratz said in response to the survey statements, we decided to open the third floor as a pilot during finals.

Students also stressed they wanted a quiet study floor because the first and second floors are noisy. The only downside is there are no cameras on the third floor. They will be discussing cameras for the third floor in the near future.

He closed by announcing that the 5th floor stacks were getting recarpeted in January.

Announcements

Passionists Exhibit - Prof. Knies announced that there will be a spring exhibit and reception to coincide with the 90th anniversary of the deaths of three Passionist missionaries in China. He spoke about the background of the next exhibit, and how we received the Passionist collection. The Passionists' archives have been with us for seven or eight years. He added that Dr. Brennan has published a biography based on research in the collection.

We've had a fair amount of use of the collection. Passionist historian, Fr. Rob Carbonneau has retired and has relocated to St. Ann's. He is now an adjunct professor in the History department and is working actively with the collection and co-curating the exhibit.

Bonnie W. Oldham Library Research Prize Endowment Fundraiser – Prof. Witek reminded the committee that the Oldham Research Prize is accepting applications from the summer/fall sessions. The deadline is Monday, 12/10, 4 pm. There is more information on our web page.

MISO Survey – Dean Kratz and Prof. Aulisio spoke about the MISO survey. It's an IT/Library survey. We had a 24% response rate from students and 45% response rate from faculty.

They pointed out that our services and collections have a fairly high importance rate. The satisfaction level is very high from service desks. Collections was rated high, but students are not happy with the ebook platform.

There is a high interest in hours.

On the lower side, there is less satisfaction in the building itself. They are looking for some kind of aesthetic upgrade, study areas, lighting, and furniture.

2nd Floor Renovation – Following the MISO survey results, Prof. Aulisio led a discussion about renovating the 2nd floor. He reported that library representatives met with an architect, who was the original architect of the building.

The 2nd floor is very popular, but there are different types of learners on the floor along with accessibility issues, noise and walk disturbances. Students are always requesting more tables. A good deal of the floor is taken up by a reference collection that is underused.

Currently, the reference collection is being analyzed. Some is being moved to the basement, while some of it that is online is being removed from the collection. The collection was downsized from 19 sides, down to 9. There is a down trend in students coming to the desk, but meeting with librarians is up.

The Research & Instruction Department has implemented a student service training center, and work studies serve as triage.

Prof. Aulisio would like to downsize the collection even more. One replacement he suggested is the Oxford Reference Database, which is \$4000 a year. With canceling a number of standing orders, WML can contribute \$1500. Would other departments contribute to the balance?

The database is online and in trial right now until December 15, 2018. Prof. Aulio asked representatives to talk to their departments to see if they are interested. He will send the list out as an email.

Dr. Zych asked if it's a flat rate or is it based on usage? Prof. Tafuri said it's more a flat rate.

Dean Kratz said the next step with the architect is to have them come back in. They are estimating it will cost \$300-\$500 thousand to renovate the space. Money needs to be raised, and there will be naming opportunities. This is closing the assessment loop.

Iron Mountain – Associate Dean Lenville announced that we are at the end of the 3 year contract, and that we will be renegotiating in the spring. She handed out statistics from the 3 year pilot. Approximately 3% of the collection is at Iron Mountain right now. We are looking at adding an additional 10,000 books, which will bring us to 6% of the collection.

The model has worked well. We've only had 19 books recalled. We need a plan to move more. Dean Kratz and Associate Dean Lenville will put together a schedule and send it out to the committee. The goal is to have a final list to begin moving in June. It's important to reserve the space to add new print volumes.

Next Meeting – The spring dates will be announced after the holiday break.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

- Respectfully submitted by Kym Balthazar Fetsko