

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Weinberg Memorial Library
Friday, December 6, 2019

The meeting came to order at 12:05 by Dr. Marian Farrell, followed by introductions.

Present: Prof. George Aulisio, Dr. Lori Bruch, Prof. Frank Conserette, Dr. Bryan Crable, Dr. Daryl DeMarzio, Dr. Marian Farrell, Chair, Prof. Colleen Farry, Sharon Finnerty, Dr. Teresa Grettano, Prof. Michael Knies, Dean Charles Kratz, Dr. Andrew LaZella, Dr. Susan Mendez, Josie Middleton, Dr. Bill Miller, Sheli Pratt-McHugh, Prof. Andrew Stranieri, Prof. Narda Tafuri, Dr. Ana Ugarte, Prof. Donna Witek.

Unable to Attend: Prof. Kelly Banyas, Dr. Yaodong Bi, Dr. Deborah Budash, Prof. Marleen Cloutier, Dr. Josephine Dunn, Dr. Michael Fennie, Dr. Terri Freeman-Smith, Mr. Eugeniu Grigorescu, Dr. Michael Hardisky, Dr. Jakub Jasinski, Dr. Barry Kuhle, Dr. Michael Landram, Associate Dean Jean Lenville, Dr. Nathan Lefler, Dr. Yibai Li, Dr. Wendy Manetti, Dr. Bob McCloskey, Mr. Robert McGowan, Dr. Masood Otarod, Prof. Linda Mlodzienski, Prof. Ian O'Hara, Dr. William Parente, Dr. Christos Pargianas, Dr. Kim Pavlick, Dr. Adam Pratt, Dr. Sufian Qrunfleh, Dr. Robert Shaffern, Atty. Jason Shrive, Dr. Yamile Silva, Dr. Argyrios Varonides., Dr. John Zych.

Prof. Witek motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Grettano. The minutes were accepted as written.

Chairs Report—Dr. Marian Farrell

Noted that it was Charles' last meeting and thanked him for his service, will say more at the end. Dr. Farrell submitted a letter to the Provost, Father Pilarz, and Development asking for the 2nd Floor Renovation to be part of the capital campaign plan. Will also be presenting the letter at the UGC meeting.

Dean's Report—Dean Charles E. Kratz

Charles made some remarks on the importance of Library Advisory throughout his career. Library Advisory started in '91 and served as an important part of shared governance. The chairs have all had a huge impact on library planning. Marian supporter, advocate and ally for the library for 18 years.

The Provost approached Charles about doing an External Review on the Library after his retirement. He asked Charles to provide names of other library deans and directors who might serve as reviewers. Charles put forth 5 names to the Provost. The librarians and Library administration will meet with the Provost to get a better idea on the goal, process, and timeline.

Second Floor Renovation: Continue to talk to the administration on funding. The Provost does not think projects like this will be in the capital campaign. We don't know if projects will get added after the current "quiet" phase. Keep pushing for plans and fundraising. Charles will share student focus group information with the external review. Josie Middleton from Academic and Scholastic Affairs Committee of Student government was present and noted their group's support of the plans.

3rd Floor 24/7: Josie Middleton spoke about the students request for additional 24/7 study space. Students see the library as quieter as floors go up, 1&2 are more collaborative, 3rd more quiet. She understood that cameras have been installed to help with safety and security of collection and was requesting that third floor stay open all semester long. Charles noted that Ed Steinmetz helped fund the purchase of those cameras. Charles also noted that the 3rd floor collection will now be unmonitored after hours and will be on the honor system so that students don't remove items. Charles noted that students have historically been respectful of the collection and believes that will continue. Charles asked the Library Advisory to support opening the 3rd floor 24/7. Dr. Bruch suggested piloting for a year or semester. Dr. Mendez asked about the safety and staffing of the building.

Charles said that maintenance is always staffing the building 2nd and 3rd shift, University Police have the cameras on in their monitors. The Library closes to the public at 10, and the building is cleared by staff. Students are asked to move down at 11:30pm. Dr. Mendez asked if there were cameras in the stairwells. There are not, but Charles noted we can consider adding them after the pilot phase if necessary. He also pointed out that the cameras face each stairwell door, and there are emergency phones on each floor. We can also ask University Police to patrol extra hours.

Dr. Bruch suggested piloting for the spring as a designated quiet floor with 24/7 access for spring 2020 with a report from student government at the May meeting. Dr. Miller seconded, and the motion passed.

Dean Kratz announced that Prof. Narda Tafuri will be beginning phased retirement in April 2020 and fully retire in December 2020. The job description will be posted January 2020. We will be recruiting for applicants at ALA Midwinter Meeting in January. Dean Kratz has worked with Narda over 20 years. She gets the best deals in town and has saved us money over the years. She will be greatly missed.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS – Various

Prof. George Auliso: We received a Strategic Initiatives Funding to offer Open Education Resources Grants to faculty. We awarded 2 grants in the Fall for classes being taught in the Spring: one to Dr. Tracy Collins, PT and one to Dr. Adam Pratt, History. We will be offering grants again in the Spring for classes being taught in the Fall. We will announce that again in the Spring and will recruit for a selection committee as well. Josie Middleton asked for clarification on OER.

Prof. Auliso announced that the Library will be sponsoring an OER Workshop on January 22nd in De Naples. Kelly Banyas, Marleen Cloutier, and Sheli Pratt-McHugh are planning that workshop. Speakers will be Amy Simolo and Kate Cummings.

Environmental Art Show: Prof. Auliso announced that the 2020 Environmental Art Show will be the 10th Anniversary. We will have a guest speaker who is a teacher and Bee Keeper. They will speak on the challenges of a Bee Keeper today.

Information Literacy Stipends: Prof. Donna Witek announced that we were able to fund two Information Literacy Stipends for the Spring. Dr. Arp, TRS and Dr. Miller, HRS. Letters went out already. We will do a call for volunteers in the Spring.

Special Collections/Archives: Prof. Michael Knies: Father Rob has been working with the Passionist Archive in our collection. It will be the 300th Anniversary of the Passionists. We will have an Exhibit of the Collection and a lecture TBD.

Liaison Website: Prof. Colleen Farry: We now have a page online of Librarians by subject and specialty to better find librarians for content support.

Computer Lab Update: Sheli Pratt-McHugh: we are looking at replacing the PCs in 306 with a Chromebook Cart. We are working with IT on testing models of Chromebooks. This will be step one in a long-range plan to renovate the classrooms with more flexible seating to enhance teaching methods.

2nd Floor Renovation/Collaborative Classroom: The Friends of the WML have donated \$100,000 toward the renovation of the second floor. We are using those funds to renovate the small classroom (old interlibrary loan office) to be a flexible meeting/small classroom space. We will also use those funds to relocate the Research Services Desk to the top of the staircase. Renovations will begin in January.

Remarks: Dr. Farrell remarked on what a tremendous loss it is with Charles' retirement. His contributions cannot be measured. Library Advisory made a group donation to the Friends in Charles' name. Charles was presented with a plaque. He noted that he could not have done his work without this committee.

The meeting adjourned at 1pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sheli Pratt-McHugh