

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Weinberg Memorial Library

Friday, February 24, 2023

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

Present: Dean George Auliso, Dr. Lori Bruch, Dr. Deborah Budash, Ms. Amanda Campbell, Prof. Marleen Cloutier, Prof. Kate Cummings, Dr. Roxana Curiel, Dr. Marian Farrell, Ms. Sharon Finnerty, Dr. Christopher Fremaux, Dr. JoyAnna Hopper, Dr. Jennifer Kaschak, Associate Dean Jean Lenville, Dr. William Miller, Prof. Linda Mlodzienski, Prof. Ian O'Hara, Prof. Sylvia Orner, Dr. Jong-Hyun Son, Prof. Donna Witek, and Dr. John Zych.

Unable to Attend: Dr. Tracey Collins, Prof. Colleen Farry, Dr. Michael Fennie, Dr. Terri Freeman-Smith, Dr. Jakub Jasinski, Prof. Michael Knies, Dr. Barry Kuhle, Dr. Michael Landrum, Dr. Nathan Lefler, Dr. Yibai Li, Dr. Wendy Mannetti, Prof. Bonnie Markowski, Dr. Robert McCloskey, Dr. Masood Otarod, Dr. Christos Pargianas, Dr. Kimberly Pavlick, Dr. Adam Pratt, Prof. Sheli Pratt-McHugh, Dr. Robert Shaffern, Atty. Jason Shrive, Dr. Argyrios Varonides, and Dr. Ben Willis.

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

Dean Auliso presented an updated agenda. Dr. Kaschak motioned to approve the revised agenda, seconded by Prof. Witek.

DEAN'S REPORT – Dean George Auliso

1. Strategic Plan Update

Dean Auliso shared the updated Strategic Plan on the Library's website.

2. Budget Update

Departments have until March 12, 2023, to place their orders. If the allocations are not spent, the Library will put it into other resources, likely electronic resources. The hope is that the Library's budget remains flat for the next Fiscal Year. New programs such as Black Studies and CSD will have allocations to spend.

The Library is looking at new electronic resources such as Newspapers.com, which is an archive of digitized newspapers, either PA Package or Global package. Academic Search Elite and Business Source Elite are lowest packages EBSCO offers. We are one of 2 that has the lowest package. Looking to upgrade to Business Source Premier and Academic Source Premier.

3. Solar Panel Project

The Library is planning to install solar panels on the flat rood of the building. Engineers have been here and gave an estimate. It will not completely doffset our energy uses, but will improve costs. We are looking at an EBSCO grant for 300,000 to go solar. The application is currently being prepared. Our sustainability movement will be highlighted in the application.

4. Sharing of Department Minutes
In October, 2022 the Provost requested meeting minutes to be shared to the Library and Provost's Office due to language in the Faculty Handbook. They should be shared to the Provost, College dean, and the Library.
5. Scholarship Exhibit
Call will go out in April. There is a new television in the Heritage Room, we will share poster presentations and other digital content. There is a Faculty Club associated with the exhibit on Friday, May 12, 2023.
6. Spring Exhibits (Dean Aulisio on behalf of Michael)
There are 2 exhibits on display in the Heritage Room. The first is an exhibit on the appt. of Father Pilarz. It will run until April 23, 2023. There is also a History of Co-Education at the University of Scranton that will run through the end of the semester.

Committee introductions were made for the purpose of the minutes.

OTHER REPORTS

1. DEIA Update and Audit (Prof. O'Hara and Dean Aulisio)
The Committee began in the fall semester. A space has been created on our web page under about the library, it is the second link. The Library adopted statements are listed through links housed there. Research guides are available. LGBTQia+ is in development.

The committee is working on accessibility and sensory mapping for all of the Library spaces. Our model is the NC State University Library's sensory maps, which Prof. O'Hara shared and explained.

A DEI audit When external review was done after Dean Kratz retired, It was determined that an audit may be beneficial to have one done on the Library. Dean Aulisio has asked the DEI committee for recommendations which may other include potential external reviewers over the summer or fall and create a report that can be acted on.

2. Black History Month Film Series and Other Upcoming Films (Ms. Finnerty)
Ms. Finnerty shared information about the Black History Month Film Series. Louis Stanley Brown Student Union & WML are co-hosting a Black History film series. Before each film is aired two professors NAMES introduce and contextualize the films before they begin. They are free of charge and open to the public. They are funded by University of Scranton Initiatives Grant. A survey is completed after the films for feedback. Attendance has been very good. Five films are:
FILMS

Other upcoming screening –
Working with Latin American Latin X film series.

Women's & Gender studies – March 2 film
Sustainability – March 30th
GET MORE INFO FROM SHARON

Suggestion to add a disability related issues in the fall? (Lori Bruch)
Highlight DEIA on the different ways they are doing community engagement
If open to the public we can share with the WML mailing list

3. Environmental Art Show (Prof. Cloutier)
Call for Art has gone out. 4/14-25 dates of the show. Also includes digital submissions. Reach out for digital flyers. Welcome to the World is this year's theme. Submissions due 3/31. There is a form on the blog to submit images. Digital projects site on website for viewing of last year's. Stephanie Williams is keynote on 4/14 at the opening reception.
4. R&I Librarian for Student Success Update (Prof. Pratt-McHugh)
Donna reported. A pool of a little under 20 candidates. 7 zoom interviews scheduled for next week. Target is the end of March or early April for on-campus visits. Library Advisory Committee will be invited to the candidate presentation and also a meeting with Marian or a delegate she chooses. Anticipated start date is August 1, 2023. Committee members –

It's listed on ALA joblist which is heavily populated. We spotlight our listings to try to highlight.
5. CBL Sponsored Mat Making Event (Prof. Pratt-McHugh)
Used as sleeping surface for those in need. 4/21 2-5 pm in WML 202. Lea Ruldoph is the instruction. Mats will be donated to the Keystone Mission.
6. My.scranton.edu Transition (Prof. Witek)
A library taskforce is working on what the Library's my.scranton presence will look like. A mockup of the page was shared with the committee. Ask a librarian chat is the first link. The other 3 are – Resources, Services, Spaces. We will advocate that the Library is allowed to be a default card.
7. Information Literacy Update (Prof. Witek)
Bonnie W. Oldham Library Research Prize (www.scranton.edu/libraryresearchprize.) The selection criteria was updated. PULL FROM LAST MINUTES. Judging rubric has been added to the webpage. The Faculty Support Form has also been updated. There are 25 submissions from the Fall Semester.

The reminder spring date deadline will be release after spring break. Spring deadline is Monday, May 1, 2023.

Call for volunteers to serve on the 3 judging panels. Representation from all 3 colleges are anticipated. Materials will be rolled out to judges in April. A meeting is scheduled for the week of May 1. A sign-up sheet was distributed. Kym will distribute an email to the entire committee body.

Thursday May 11, 2023 is the reception for winners. 2:30 in the Charles Kratz Scranton Heritage Room.

8. Cambridge OA Agreement (Prof. Orner)

The agreement has now officially started. Any faculty authors if you are publishing an OA article with Cambridge Press the fee is waived.

We have entered into another agreement with the American Chemical Society with the same criteria of free publishing fees.

A coffee and conversation session to learn more about Affordable Learning Grants.

9. Affordable Learning (Prof. Orner)

Call for proposals will go out next week for courses taught in the fall and over intersession. Flyers are available. This year it is open to all faculty, not just full-time faculty.

Jen KASHak. How is Wilkes able to get free textbooks for their students. Kate reported it's a partnership with Barnes and Noble. The books need to be returned at the end of the semester but there is a purchase option. One of only 2 colleges in Pennsylvania that is doing it, and only 1 of 80 schools in the country.

Lori's department is looking for ways to scholarship their department for books.

NEW BUSINESS (All)

There was no new business discussed.

There was no motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kym Balthazar Fetsko