

**LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Weinberg Memorial Library**  
**Monday, March 21, 2022**

The meeting came to order at 11:34 a.m., via Zoom Conference Meeting by Dr. Marian Farrell. She began by congratulating George for accepting the Dean of Library position.

Present: Dean George Aulisio, Prof. Kelly Banyas, Dr. Deborah Budash, Dr. Marzia Caporale, Prof. Marleen Cloutier, Dr. Tracey Collins, Dr. Bryan Crable, Dr. Darryl DeMarzio, Ms. Sharon Finnerty, Dr. Terri Freeman-Smith, Prof. Michael Knies, Associate Dean Jean Lenville, Dr. Wendy Mannetti, Prof. Bonnie Markowski, Dr. Robert McCloskey, Dr. William Miller, Prof. Linda Mlodzienski, Prof. Ian O’Hara, Prof. Sylvia Orner, Dr. Kimberly Pavlick, Prof. Sheli Pratt-McHugh, Prof. Donna Witek, and Dr. John Zych.

Unable to Attend: Dr. Lori Bruch, Prof. Colleen Farry, Dr. Michael Fennie, Dr. Christopher Fremaux, Mr. Eugeniu Grigorescu, Dr. Jakub Jasinski, Dr. Barry Kuhle, Dr. Michael Landrum, Dr. Nathan Lefler, Dr. Yibai Li, Dr. Masood Otarod, Dr. Christos Pargianas, Ms. Vrutti Patel, Dr. Adam Pratt, Dr. Robert Shaffern, Atty. Jason Shrive, Dr. Argyrios Varonides, Ms. Keyri Villegas-saenz, and Dr. Ben Willis.

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

**DEAN’S REPORT – Dean George Aulisio**

Dean Aulisio began by reaffirming the importance of the Library Advisory Committee and thanked the Committee.

1. Jay Nathan, Ph.D. Visiting Scholar Lecture

The Seventh Annual Presentation in the Jay Nathan Ph.D. Visiting Scholar Lecture Series will be hosted by The Weinberg Memorial Library on Tuesday, March 29, 2022. The University will welcome distinguished guests Ambassador Bergdís Ellertsdóttir, and classical violinist Eva Ingolfsdóttir.

While visiting campus, the ambassador will make a presentation entitled Iceland: History. Culture. Environment., which will be followed by a cultural showcase featuring Icelandic music. The program begins at 4 p.m. in The Moskovitz Theater, The DeNaples Center, followed by a reception.

2. Future of Java City

Java City will be replaced by a new food service on campus tentatively named Scranton Market. The service will be a 24/7 convenience store, with fresh-made salads, wraps, sandwiches, and pre-made dishes that can be heated at the location.

There will also be an advanced autonomous coffee machine and noodle machine that makes specialty drinks and noodle dishes.

The service will not be staffed and students/patrons will need to self-checkout. Because it is self-checkout, it will be the first 24/7 food service on campus and will be a major boon to the student experience.

Aramark is responsible for all upkeep and maintenance of the store.

Construction is expected to begin shortly after Finals and for it to open by the fall semester.

Dean Aulisio is investigating whether the Library can get a percentage of the profits.

### 3. Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the Library are hosting the spring book sale this again year. The dates are April 30 and May 1, 2022, with a preview day on April 29 that is open to current Friends members, and University students and faculty. It's an important fundraiser for the Library so please consider stopping by the sale.

Please coordinate any clean book donations with Melisa Gallo, ILL and Collections Assistant (x6195, melisa.gallo@scranton.edu).

### 4. 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

2022 marks the start of the WML 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We plan on having a kick-off event in May where we are renaming or dedicating the Heritage Room to former Dean, Charles Kratz. He will be the guest of honor at the event. The tentative date is May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Dean Aulisio also announced that he is also working with Development on the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fund. The Friends have committed \$75K. That money will go toward updates to the Heritage Room, which we plan on turning into more of a lecture space. The room will have new chairs and a presentation television. We are also looking at new Special Collections exhibit cases as well. The hope is to reveal the renovation plan at the dedication event.

### 5. Library Positions and Budget

Dean Aulisio met with the Provost and Mr. Ed Steinmetz. He asked for a 6% increase in the collection budget to offset inflation increases. He is hopeful the request will be approved. He also asked for a 3% increase for the Library's general fund and for Media Resources. There may be more of a flat increase rather than a percentage increase. If we do not get a package increase in the collections budget we will have to make more cuts. With the 60K cut last year some resources were cut; however, with the campus shut down we saved money in other areas.

Positions – Dean Aulisio shared a Library reporting structure graph with the Committee. He is working on turning some of the part-time positions into full-time positions, while some of the other positions have been restructured.

Once Prof. Banyas leaves we will be down to 8 faculty librarians. If that position is frozen, then we will push to have our adjunct librarian return due to the need for additional librarian help.

Prof. Pratt-McHugh pointed out that 3 prior positions were no longer on the organizational chart. Dean Aulisio stated that none of those positions are being searched for at this time, nor are they being actively pursued; however, they are not officially eliminated at this time.

He added that a few of the open positions are now with the Provost who needs to consult with Father Marina before we can move ahead with any searches.

#### **OTHER REPORTS:**

1. Future of Iron Mountain (I.M.) remote storage (Dean Aulisio / Associate Dean Lenville)  
Dean Aulisio shared a presentation with the Committee. Iron Mountain holds over 20K of our books. He proposes that we recall 10,172 books from the 1<sup>st</sup> shipment and review for recycling, gifting, resale, or re-inclusion. This will save \$4,750+ annually.

He added these additional considerations:

- A. Every library deaccessions books.
  - I.M. will come back to WML first, giving us an opportunity to assess for keep/recycle.
- B. We do not have the same budgetary growth and flexibility that we've had in the past.
  - Flat budgets and cuts are more likely than increases.
  - The last two years we've had fewer incidental costs (e.g., catering, events, continuing ed, paper supplies, etc.). These costs will start rising again.
- C. The \$4,750+/year can help us to maintain resources that the university community expects/needs.
- D. Even discarded books can be acquired through PALCI EZ Borrow / ILLiad / Re-purchasing / some may be public domain available.

Additionally, given budget realities, fiscally responsible decisions are important. Beginning to deaccession books from Iron Mountain (1<sup>st</sup> shipment) will help us to maintain resources that are used by the University Community. I.M. books have not been used for 19+ years, are not high-quality resources, have been vetted previously, and will be vetted again before final decisions.

Discussion ensued over whether there is a plan to alert departments and faculty to see if there is any interest in anyone taking them or if there is a way to contact book sellers to see if there is any interest in them to generate some revenue. We have not sold books labeled University of Scranton books in the past because there may be a conflict selling books purchased with University funds.

It was requested that more time is given for Advisory members to consult with their departments. Lists will be prepared and sent to department chairs.

Dean Aulisio will forward the committee the presentation he shared. More time is needed for the other requests. Assoc. Dean Lenville added that we vetted the initial project as well as now. The goal is to start this process before the fiscal year ends. They have already extended their deadline.

MOTION - Dr. Miller presented a motion stating - We as an Advisory Committee act on support of the proposal by the Dean with a shared governance model in mind as we move forward with

ending the contract for the first Iron Mountain shipment and recall the 10,172 books for review for recycling, gifting, resale, or re-inclusion. The caveat as to what happens to the deaccessioned books will be decided later after everyone is informed.

Prof. Markowski seconded the motion.

The motion passes.

2. Collection Development Subcommittee Recommendations (Prof. Orner / Dean Aulizio)  
This item was tabled until the next meeting.
3. Future of Departmental Copy Cards (Assoc. Dean Lenville)  
She is proposing to get rid of the departmental copy cards because they are no longer being used. We have not determined if we receive the money for the copies. We have not seen any departmental money for them since 2008.
4. MISO Survey Follow-up (Assoc. Dean Lenville)  
Faculty response rate up to 52%. 450 comments received, which was up from about 50 the last time. There will be a report after the data is evaluated.
5. Information Literacy Updates (Prof. Witek)  
Bonnie W. Oldham Library Research Prize. Prof. Witek shared the web page link, and asked faculty to promote the prize. The deadline for submissions is Monday, May 2, 2022 by 4 p.m.

Volunteers are needed for judging the prize. We are aiming to have one member from each college. It is a quick turnaround. The volunteer link was shared.

The reception is Thursday, May 12 at 2:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room.

6. Affordable Learning (Prof. Banyas)  
The Affordable Learning Judging Panel met at the end of last semester and awarded one Affordable Learning Implementation Grant to Dr. Brian Snee for COMM 240: Communication Research Methods. The OER Committee thanks the judging panel for their service.

As a reminder, these are \$1,000 grants for full-time faculty to replace for-cost course materials with open or appropriately licensed library resources. We also can provide \$200 per grant towards the purchase of materials. For more details or to discuss options for purchasing, we have a new email address you can contact the Committee at: [affordablelearning@scranton.edu](mailto:affordablelearning@scranton.edu). We will be once again offering funding for up to four Affordable Learning Implementation Grants for classes in Fall 2022.

Please spread the word about these grants. We've had very positive feedback from grant recipients as well as student government who passed a resolution of support in spring 2021.

If you'd like to share details about the grant, we have our [web page with previous grant recipient reports](#) and the [slides from our recent presentations](#) that have details on where you can find appropriate materials for the grant, both in the library's collection and externally. I also want to note we do have access to CloudSource OA, which aggregates open access

research and open educational resources from a variety of platforms- you can access this from the Library's home page, using the tab Open Access Search or [by direct link](#).

The deadline for applications is April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Judging panel volunteers are needed. We would like to get representatives from each college. This is a great opportunity for service that has a low time commitment and requires no previous experience. The AL applications are straightforward, and the judging panel has typically taken less than an hour and members of the OER Committee are available at the meeting to answer any questions.

New email address for OER Committee: [affordablelearning@scranton.edu](mailto:affordablelearning@scranton.edu)

OER Research Guide: <https://guides.library.scranton.edu/OER>

Affordable Learning Grants page: <https://www.scranton.edu/academics/wml/infolit/oer-grants.shtml>

CloudSource OA: [https://csclient2.ent.sirsi.net/client/en\\_US/csoa-scranton](https://csclient2.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/csoa-scranton)

Affordable Learning Grant Judging Panel volunteer form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/aDbpvpgCsr>

7. Special Collections Exhibit and Reception (Prof. Knies)  
Prof. Knies shared the link on the exhibit reception which is Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> in the Heritage Room.
8. R&I Librarian Search Update (Prof. O'Hara)  
Three candidates have been identified for on campus interviews on 4/16, 4/20 & 4/26. There was a strong pool of candidates.
9. Environmental Art Show – Last Call – Speaker Event (Prof. Cloutier)  
Prof. Cloutier shared the link to the WML blog post. The show runs 4/19 – 4/26. Laura Kern is the featured artist and will speak at the reception on 4/29. The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, March 30, 2022.
10. Prof. Pratt-McHugh added in the chat that the Library is doing a trail cleanup on 4/24 at 10 a.m. Volunteers are welcome.
11. Chronicle of Higher Education (Prof. Orner)  
Prof. Orner shared the link to the setup.
12. Recreational Reading Collection (Prof. Orner)  
The Recreational Reading Collection was created in response to suggestions from student government. It has been well received.

### **NEW BUSINESS (ALL):**

There was no new business discussed.

Dr. Farrell thanked everyone for their time.

The meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

- Respectfully submitted by Kym Balthazar Fetsko