

**LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Weinberg Memorial Library**  
**Monday, November 29, 2022**

The meeting came to order at 11:33 a.m., by Dr. Marian Farrell.

Present: Dean George Aulisio, Dr. Lori Bruch, Dr. Deborah Budash, Ms. Amanda Campbell, Prof. Marleen Cloutier, Prof. Kate Cummings, Dr. Roxana Curiel, Dr. Marian Farrell, Dr. Michael Fennie, Dr. Christopher Fremaux, Prof. Michael Knies, Dr. Michael Landrum, Associate Dean Jean Lenville, Dr. Robert McCloskey, Dr. William Miller, Prof. Linda Mlodzienski, Prof. Ian O'Hara, Prof. Sylvia Orner, Dr. Masood Otarod, Dr. Christos Pargianas, Dr. Kimberly Pavlick, Prof. Sheli Pratt-McHugh, Dr. Jong-Hyun Son, Dr. Ben Willis, and Prof. Donna Witek.

Unable to Attend: Dr. Tracey Collins, Prof. Colleen Farry, Ms. Sharon Finnerty, Dr. Terri Freeman-Smith, Mr. Eugeniu Grigorescu, Dr. Jakub Jasinski, Dr. Jennifer Kaschak, Dr. Barry Kuhle, Dr. Nathan Lefler, Dr. Yibai Li, Dr. Wendy Mannetti, Prof. Bonnie Markowski, Dr. Robert McCloskey, Dr. Masood Otarod, Dr. Adam Pratt, Dr. Robert Shaffern, Atty. Jason Shrive, Dr. Argyrios Varonides, and John Zych.

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

Introductions were then made around the room.

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

1. Library Positions and Personnel Updates

Ms. Lynn Brazz was hired as the new part-time Research & Instruction Librarian. Ms. Braz has a Bachelor's degree in Journalism from Temple University and a Master's Degree in Creative Writing from Wilkes University. She has an extensive background in research, writing, editing, and teaching in higher education.

Mrs. Brooke Leonard was hired as the Schemel Forum / Slattery Center Assistant. Ms. Leonard was a 2014 graduate of The University of Scranton with a B.A. in English. She also has a Master of Library and Information Science degree from St. John's University and worked as a Library Technician for the Third Circuit Court of Appeals Libraries.

The search for the Research and Instruction Librarian for Student Success has begun. This person will also be the liaison to the natural sciences. We will be fully staffed when the person is hired. Professors Pratt-McHugh & Witek are co-chairing the search committee. Prof. O'Hara, Prof. Cummings, and Prof. Orner are search committee members. The search has begun, and application reviews are scheduled for the end of January or early February. Phone interviews will begin in early March, followed by on-campus visits for finalists in early April. The anticipated start date for this position is August 1, 2023.

2. 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update

We are halfway to our digital goal of \$20,000. The fundraiser runs through the end of the academic year. Those funds plus FIP allocations will be used for renovations. The furniture order is delayed and has not arrived.

3. Library Strategic Plan

The Library Faculty met over the summer to begin updating the Library's Strategic Plan and will be updated over Intersession. The plan runs 2020-2025.

4. Black History Month Film Series

The Library is sponsoring a 5-part black history film series in collaboration with the Black Student Union. Dr. Anthony Betancourt, and Dr. Melissa Anyiwo will contextualize each film for 15 minutes prior to the film's start. The movies will be shown in the DeNaples Center Moskovitz Theater. Dates will be set and advertised.

5. EBSCO Discovery Service (w/ Prof. Orner) - A task force was created to explore new discovery service options. The committee was chaired by Prof. Cloutier, with Profs. Orner, Pratt-McHugh, and Farry, as well as Assoc. Dean Lenville, Ms. Mary Kovalcin, and Ms. Jen Galas. It was determined that the Library will migrate to EBSCO Folio. The Library of Congress also uses the same service. Weidner University also uses it should you want to see it prior to our migration. The discovery layer migration will happen over the summer, 2023.

**OTHER REPORTS:**

1. Cambridge Agreement (Prof. Orner)

The Library has agreed to enter into an agreement with Cambridge University Press where we will have access to all 400 titles. This allows University of Scranton faculty to publish to Cambridge University Press and will waive the publishing costs for as many years as we continue the program. The agreement begins in January, 2023.

2. Affordable Learning (Profs. Cloutier & Orner)

The grants deadline for applications is December 2, 2022. A call was placed for volunteers to judge the applications.

A question was asked about Web of Science. Prof. Orner stated that we've tried the trial in the past, but it was too expensive to purchase.

3. CBL Resources (Prof. Cloutier)

The Office of Community Based Learning has provided the University with 25 books for faculty use. They can be requested on a 1 day loan and can be found by searching CBL Resources in the catalog.

4. Graduate Student Resources Taskforce (Prof. Cummings)

A task force has been created to review the resources we provide to graduate students. Members of the taskforce are Prof. Kate Cummings, Prof. Marleen Cloutier, Prof. Sylvia Orner, and Ms. Melisa Gallo. A hard copy flyer was shared with the Committee. Dean Aulisio will share

the flyer with Interim Provost Maldonado to see where the appropriate places to disseminate are on campus.

3. Bonnie W. Oldham Library Research Prize (Prof. Witek)  
An overview of the program was given and can be found online at [www.scranton.edu/libraryresearchprize](http://www.scranton.edu/libraryresearchprize). The selection criteria was updated to include 4 criteria and can be found under Selection Criteria and Judging. The rubric is now available online for more transparency, and the faculty support form has also been updated. Faculty are asked to promote the prize. The deadline for Summer or Fall, 2022 is Monday, December 12, 2022, at 4 p.m. The call for judges happens in the spring.
4. Library DEIA Committee (Prof. O'Hara)  
Committee members are Prof. O'Hara, Prof. Pratt-McHugh, Prof. Cummings, Prof. Farry, Mr. Kevin Kocur, and Ms. Sharon Finnerty. There is also a Grad student also on the task force from HHS. The first order of business was to update the About the Library section on our website. More updates will be forthcoming upon ratification by the Library Faculty. There will be statements put out that mitigate some of the harmful language still recognized by the Library of Congress. LGBTQ+ resource guides are coming. Diversity collection auditing is being discussed. It's in the early planning stages. Accessibility mapping was also discussed, and the committee would also like to include an accessibility map on the website. The next meeting is December 7, 2022.
5. My Scranton Task Force (Prof. Witek)  
IT has announced that my.scranton is changing over the summer. The Library tab is also changing. Task force members Prof. Witek, Prof. O'Hara, Ms. Jen Galas, and Assoc. Dean Lenville will plan and design, or develop, what the Library's my.scranton page will look like.
6. Special Collections Exhibits (Prof. Knies)  
There are currently two exhibits in the Charles Kratz Scranton Heritage Room – the Library's 30th Anniversary, which comes down at the end of the semester, and a University of Scranton co-education exhibit, which will be up through April, 2022. The beginning of the spring semester marks an exhibit on the 20th anniversary of Scott Pilarz's first inauguration. A coinciding event may be included. The Faculty Scholarship Exhibit will be installed in May, 2023.
7. Library Vision & Mission (Prof. Pratt-McHugh)  
Profs. Pratt-McHugh, Witek, Conlogue, Ms. Melisa Gallo, and Ms. Mary Kovalcin are working on updating the Library's Vision and Mission Statements. The group has met twice and is in the brainstorming phase. The next meeting is December 2, 2022, with the goal of finalizing language.

**NEW BUSINESS (ALL):**

There was no new business discussed.

There was no motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kym Balthazar Fetsko