

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Weinberg Memorial Library
Monday, September 25, 2017

The meeting came to order at 11:37 a.m. By Marian Farrell

Present: Prof. George Auliso, Dr. Jessica Bachman, Prof. Kelly Banyas, Dr. Lori Bruch, Dr. Marzia Caporale, Dr. Tracey Collins, Prof. Frank Conserette, Dr. Carol Cote, Dr. Kathy Dwyer, Dr. Marian Farrell, Dr. Michael Fennie, Dr. Terri Freeman-Smith, Dr. David Friedrichs, Dr. Teresa Grettano, Mr. Eugeniu Grigorescu, Prof. Michael Knies, Dean Charles Kratz, Dr. Andrew LaZella, Interim Associate Dean Jean Lenville, Dr. Yibai Li, Dr. Wendy Manetti, Dr. Bob McClosky, Prof. Sheli McHugh, Dr. Kim Pavlick, Dr. Adam Pratt, Dr. Yamile Silva, Prof. Narda Tafuri, Dr. Ben Willis, Prof. Donna Witek, Prof. Kristen Yarmey, and Dr. John Zych.

Unable to attend: Dr. Dona Bauman, Dr. Yaodong Bi, Dr. Darryl DeMarzio, Dr. Josephine Dunn, Mr. Richard Endico, Mrs. Sharon Finnerty, Dr. Rita Fleming-Castaldy, Dr. Michael Hardisky, Dr. Jakub Jasinski, Dr. Barry Kuhle, Mr. Christopher Kustera, Dr. Michael Landram, Dr. Nathan Lefler, Dr. William Miller, Dr. Masood Otarod, Dr. William Parente, Dr. Christos Pargianas, Dr. Sufian Qrunfleh, Dr. David Salerno, Dr. Robert Shaffern, Dr. Robert Smith, and Dr. Argyrios Varonides.

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

REFLECTION: BONNIE OLDHAM

Dr. Farrell spoke on Prof. Bonnie Oldham's passion of research and her goal to share that passion with students. Dr. Farrell announced that the Library Research Prize that Prof. Oldham began in 2011 has been renamed the Bonnie Oldham Research Prize. Dean Kratz took a moment of personal privilege to speak on Bonnie's desire to set up an endowment fund to continue her legacy. She knew the endowment would need about \$50,000 to self-fund. She made a generous gift to cover the majority of the fund. There may be a fundraiser for faculty in the future to enhance the endowment. Gifts in her honor can be sent to the Dean's Office. Bonnie W. Oldham Library Research Prize Endowment Fund.

Marian shared a passage with the committee.

NEW LIBRARIANS

Dr. Farrell then introduced the Weinberg Library's two new librarians as well as Wendy Manetti from Nursing.

Kelly Banyas is an Assistant Professor and Research & Instruction Librarian at the University of Scranton. She earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in History and Classical Civilization from Boston University, as well as a Certificate in Computer Science. She has a Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University of Maryland. She is the library liaison to the following departments: Computing Sciences, Counseling and Human Services, Exercise Science and Sport, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy.

Frank Conserette is an Assistant Professor and Research & Instruction Librarian for the University of Scranton's Weinberg Memorial Library. He serves as liaison to the Kania School of Management and the Communications, Health Administration and Human Resources departments and also provides research services and information literacy instruction. He has a B.A. in History from Gettysburg College and a Master of Library and Information Science from Drexel University. Frank is currently pursuing a Master of Business Administration from the University of Scranton.

Dr. Farrell welcomed them. She then also mentioned Prof. Knies's television appearance in reference to Joseph McDade's passing earlier in the week.

DEANS REPORT

Dean Kratz reported that the Weinberg Library made the cover of the latest issue of Choice reviews Magazine. Colleen Farry in Archives took the photograph.

He also mentioned the Associate Deans Search is continuing this semester for the third time with a competitive field. The committee consists of Dr. Bruch, Prof. McHugh, Prof. Witek, Dr. Rajan, Mr. Grigorescu, and Mr. Endico. It is chaired by Dean Conniff.

Prof. McHugh added that the position's been posted and they will begin reviewing applicants on October 16, followed by phone interviews and then in person interviews. Invitations will be extended to the Library Advisory Committee to attend the candidate forums.

BUDGET

Dean Kratz reported that last year we did a pilot program where \$700,000 was put into a separate budget fund for journal and electronic resource inflation. This fiscal year we received a 6% inflation amount. The only caveat is that if enrollment is down, the 6% may need to be reduced. We also received an additional 3%, which we dedicated to the book account. Prof. Tafuri and Dean Kratz will also work on projections for next year.

PREDATORY JOURNALS

Dean Kratz continued, saying there was a brown bag lunch on predatory journals. There was a resolution that came out of KSOM related to this. There is no black and white list that librarians or scholars can create, which is a challenge. Dr. Friedrichs spoke on the parameters and how coming up with a framework would be difficult because the environment is rapidly changing. Prof. Yarmey added if anyone is interested in serving on a Faculty Handbook subcommittee regarding this in the future to let her know.

OTHER ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUILDING RENOVATIONS

Dean Kratz announced there were no major building renovations other than some recarpeting this past summer. We will recarpet the 5th floor next summer.

RESEARCH & SCHOLARLY SERVICES DEPARTMENT – PROF. AULISIO

Prof. Aulisio reported that the Reference Dept. is rebranded to the Research & Scholarly Services Department. He explained that Research Services is more straightforward and will resonate with students more. He also reported that the two new librarians have different shifts than in the past, both

working Monday through Friday, 1 to 9 pm. On Sundays, the Part-time librarian is on until 8. Any student coming to the desk after 8 pm will use Ask A librarian virtual and text messaging service. Monday through Thursday the building has the same coverage as always. On Fridays, there is coverage until 9, and on Saturdays the coverage is the same. The Library Faculty are reorganizing the Liaison areas for equity.

In the future, Prof. Aulisio would like to put in a room for one-on-one consultation with students and librarians.

Dean Kratz added students are asking for more seating pods again.

INFORMATION LITERACY STIPENDS – PROF. WITEK

Prof. Witek reported that everyone should have received the Information Literacy Stipends Call for Proposals. They are \$1000 stipends and we can award up to two each semester. The proposal deadline is 11/3. Prof. Witek asked for an Information Literacy Subcommittee and sent around a sign-up sheet. At least one faculty member per college is needed. Winners are notified in early December.

Prof. Witek then spoke about the Bonnie Oldham Research Prize. She demonstrated on our website where information is located and announced a third prize, called the 100 level prize, was added this year. There is also a 200-400 level prize and a grad student prize. Everything else will operate exactly the same. Submissions can be individual or group projects. She will ask for volunteers to serve on this committee in the spring. The deadline for summer and fall projects is Monday, December 4th.

The deadline for the fall is the last day of class. There is another deadline in the spring for second semester projects.

ACRL FRAMEWORK FOR LITERACY – PROF. WITEK

Prof. Witek then passed out a handout and spoke about the ACRL Framework for Literacy for Higher education. She said the act of creating information is a process, and are different depending on the final genre. What the framework is aiming to do, is be a tool for teachers. The goal for students is that they explore a topic and develop questions about the topic.

The teaching librarians developed student learning outcomes about four or five years ago. These are located on the library website. In addition, in the Information Literacy Stipend Call for Proposals, faculty are asked to review the Framework document and refer to it when submitting their proposals. It's also included in the Library Tactical plan objectives. The Information Literacy program is collaborative with the teaching Faculty. The framework is a tool in which to accomplish this.

GOBI – PROF. NARDA TAFURI

Since the last Library Advisory meeting, Prof. Tafuri worked with some faculty on setting up notifications. She mentioned it again because it's a helpful tool to utilize, and a great way to build lists. She can help create folders to house faculty selections, making it easier to order. She demonstrated how to search for titles. Faculty do not need to order from the site but it creates useful lists, which are helpful if/when and order is placed.

Prof. Tafuri also spoke about CABELL'S database. It gives information on places to publish. Cabell's started their own Black list for predatory journals. Rick Anderson in his blog The Scholarly Kitchen, discusses the pros and cons. The article is entitled: "Cabell's New Predatory Journal Blacklist : A

Review". Here is the link - <https://scholarlykitchen.sspnet.org/2017/07/25/cabells-new-predatory-journal-blacklist-review/>.

THE JOSEPH MCDADE CONGRESSIONAL PAPERS COLLECTION – PROF. MICHAEL KNIES

Joseph McDade Congressional Papers Collection LINK -

(http://digitalservices.scranton.edu/ui/custom/default/collection/coll_p9000coll6/resources/custompages/mcdade/biography/) .

For the collections, Prof. Knies reported the Library renovated a room 1998 and we took in 400 boxes of congressional papers. They are valuable for local and national history, and are available for research. In fact, the collection has been used for a number of research projects by historians. If you're interested in learning more, contact him.

He also reported the Library is hosting a reception open to the public in collaboration with The Lackawanna Historical Society on October 12th at 7:30. It's a combination of information on Scranton and WWI. Prof. Knies then showed photos of items in the exhibit.

Dr. Farrell thanked everyone for coming and the meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

- Respectfully submitted by Kym Balthazar Fetsko