

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Weinberg Memorial Library
Monday, February 18, 2019

The meeting came to order at 11:35 a.m. by Dr. Marian Farrell.

Present: Prof. George Auliso, Prof. Kelly Banyas, Dr. Lori Bruch, Dr. Marzia Caporale, Prof. Frank Conserette, Dr. Darryl DeMarzio, Dr. Marian Farrell, Prof. Colleen Farry, Mrs. Sharon Finnerty, Dr. Rita Fleming-Castaldy, Mr. Eugeniu Grigorescu, Prof. Michael Knies, Dean Charles Kratz, Dr. Andrew LaZella, Associate Dean Jean Lenville, Dr. Bob McCloskey, Dr. William Miller, Prof. Linda Mlodzienski, Dr. Masood Otarod, Dr. William Parente, Prof. Sheli Pratt-McHugh, Atty. Jason Shrive, Prof. Narda Tafuri, Dr. Ben Willis, and Dr. John Zych.

Unable to attend: Dr. Yaodong Bi, Dr. Tracey Collins, Dr. Carol Cote, Dr. Josephine Dunn, Dr. Kathy Dwyer, Dr. Michael Fennie, Dr. Teri Freeman-Smith, Dr. Teresa Grettano, Dr. Michael Hardisky, Dr. Jakub Jasinski, Dr. Barry Kuhle, Dr. Michael Landram, Dr. Nathan Lefler, Dr. Yibai Li, Dr. Wendy Manetti, Mr. Robert McGowan, Prof. Ian O'Hara, Dr. Christos Pargianas, Dr. Kim Pavlick, Dr. Adam Pratt, Dr. Sufian Qrunfleh, Dr. Robert Shaffern, Dr. Yamile Silva, Dr. Argyrios Varonides, and Prof. Donna Witek.

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

Dr. Farrell led introductions.

DEANS REPORT – Dean Charles E. Kratz

Budget – Dean Kratz began by stating that the 19/20 budget that begins on June 1 reflects what was asked for. He does not anticipate any reductions.

Staffing Changes – He announced two successful Library searches. The first was that Prof. Sheli Pratt-McHugh was the successful candidate for the Assistant Dean of the Library, and the second was that Ian O'Hara is the new Research and Instruction Librarian for Health Sciences.

With Prof. Pratt McHugh's move into her new position, a search will begin to fill her vacated position. The Library Advisory Committee will be invited to the candidate presentations.

A search will also take place to fill Mr. O'Hara's vacated Technical Services Clerk position.

Dean Kratz continued by telling the committee that he is retiring December 31st, 2019. The official announcement will come in May. Associate Dean Lenville will be the Interim Library Dean in 2020.

The new Dean of the Library search will begin December 2019, and the new Dean will be in place in January, 2021.

Dean Kratz plans to have the positions full, and the library to be fully staffed by the time he leaves.

Other Items

Information Literacy Stipends – Prof. Farry reported on behalf of Prof. Witek that the Information Literacy Stipends are an opportunity to strengthen students' research skills in their discipline by collaborating with a faculty librarian to develop assignments that focus on information literacy.

The call for proposals for courses offered in Summer 2019 or Fall 2019 went out to faculty today (Feb. 18, 2019) via email and campus mail — please spread the word to your department colleagues.

We will award up to two \$1,000 stipends for Summer/Fall 2019 courses. The Proposal deadline is Friday, March 29, 2019.

Volunteers (at least one member from each college) are needed to serve on the Information Literacy Sub-committee to vet proposals in April. A sign-up sheet was distributed.

Bonnie W. Oldham Library Research Prize - This prize recognizes excellence in student research projects from courses taught across all departments at the University. More details can be found at www.scranton.edu/libraryresearchprize. There are three \$500 prizes: Undergraduate Foundational: 100-level, Undergraduate Upper-level: 200- to 400-level, & Graduate level.

Prof. Farry asked faculty to please promote the three prizes to students in your courses and encourage your department colleagues to do so as well. An email to all course instructors with details will go out in early April. The application deadline for Intersession or Spring 2019 projects is Monday, April 29, 2019 at 4:00 pm.

We also need volunteers (at least one member from each college) to serve on the three judging panels for the prize. Judging will take place the week of April 29, 2019. A sign-up sheet was distributed.

Kanopy Database – Sharon Finnerty reported that we began using Kanopy in June, 2016. It is a patron-driven media database that offers mediated access. Currently we have about 50 licenses, but if we want something else and it's not available, there is a form to put in a request.

Passionists Exhibit – Prof. Knies spoke about the Passionists Exhibit. We have been caretakers of collection for the last seven or eight years. An exhibit reception is planned in collaboration with the Schemel Forum for Monday, April 8th, 2019 in the Heritage Room beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Environmental Art Show – Prof. Aulisio announced that the 9th annual Environmental Art Show will run from April 10, 2019 to April 24, 2019. An opening reception is planned for Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Friends of the Library Book Sale – Dean Kratz reported that the Friends of the Library annual book sale will take place the last weekend of April with a special preview sale on Friday, April 26, 2019 for Friends members.

The Jay Nathan Visiting Scholar Lecture Series – Dean Kratz also reported that the sixth annual Jay Nathan Visiting Scholar Lecture is scheduled for Tuesday, April 30, 2019. This year's focus is on Lithuania.

Reilly Learning Commons Renovation – Assistant Dean Pratt-McHugh reported that last year we received capital equipment funds to renovate the Learning Commons. A wall was installed over intercession that has power and ports. The Lecture Capture Room will now run off a one button studio. It is more streamlined for student use. She explained that a flash drive will turn on the room, and then it will save at the end.

The other side of the room will be transformed into a podcast/audio recording space. They anticipate everything will be done the end of February or the beginning of March. They are awaiting the arrival of technology so that they can begin.

She requested if anyone had any questions to contact her.

Iron Mountain Project – Associate Dean Lenville reported that the lists were sent out, and she's received some responses back. The deadline for the first review of the list is April 1, 2019. A revised version will be sent in May.

2nd Floor Renovation – Dean Kratz & Prof. Aulio reported that renovation will take place on the 2nd floor of the library. They've met with the architects once already and another meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2019. They suspect more design options will be brought to the meeting.

Dean Kratz is talking to the Provost about fundraising for the project. He added that fundraising is challenging in terms of moving ahead. The Friends of the Library will likely commit \$50K as their gift. There's going to be a capital campaign in the future and he would like to see the Library renovation as a part of that.

Prof. Aulio said that the architects were directed to think about the space in a way to accommodate the many different types of learners and learning styles that are used there. The current space sometimes gets very loud. Another directive was to think about the types of interactions of students meeting with Librarians is now more one on one, so coming up with a space for that is important. Other concerns are lighting and workflow on the floor.

Dean Kratz added that once we see plans tomorrow we'll have a better idea of what they're suggesting, but one of the things suggested was that we should do focus groups.

Prof. Aulio reported that he met with Dr. Geri Barber about doing student focus groups. They are hoping to do three or four groups of 10 in 35-60 minute focus groups, as well as some in the library with users. We are doing our due diligence so that we will get student buy-in.

Dean Kratz said that this renovation is a result from student responses from the MISO survey. Another item is that student government asked about making the third floor 24/7. We initiated a pilot over finals, and it was well received. He anticipates that it will probably become standard.

Dr. DeMarzio asked if the spaces by the stairs will change. Prof. Aulio answered that it might change, but we're not expecting a major tear down. There may be some new walls, but we're trying to repurpose as much as possible. Individual spaces are preferred.

05/06 Campaign – Dr. Bruch asked if there is a designation for the Library for the 05/06 campaign. Dean Kratz said that there is, but we have been having it go to the Bonnie W. Oldham Endowment. The amount in the endowment is about \$53K. He added he would like to have 05/06 designated for at least another year to that.

Additional Questions – Dr. Fleming-Castaldy asked if Professor Emeritus can, for example, be on the Oldham subcommittees. The question will be forwarded to Prof. Witek.

Dr. DeMarzio said that in regards to ebooks, he's noticed that there are limits on amount of pages you can download at a time. Is there any way to get around those restraints?

Prof. Tafuri replied that it depends on where the e-book's coming from. Springer books are unlimited, and same is true on Elsevier, JSTOR, and Project Muse ebooks. Limitations happen through third party requests, but she says that there are negotiations going on about the amount of downloading available.

Dr. DeMarzio asked that in most cases with limits, what the wait times for you to go back are.

Prof. Tafuri said that she will need to get back to him on that. We do have quite a number that do not have limitations. If it was up to ProQuest, they would make it unlimited access.

Dean Kratz said to pass along titles for us to check. Prof. Tafuri added that we can then see if it's available elsewhere where it is DRM free. It's case-by-case.

Dr. Farrell thanked the Committee, and announced the next meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

- Respectfully submitted by Kym Balthazar Fetsko