

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Weinberg Memorial Library

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

The meeting came to order at 11:37 a.m., by Dr. Lori Bruch.

Present: Dean George Aulisio, Dr. Lori Bruch, Ms. Amanda Campbell, Prof. Marleen Cloutier, Prof. Kate Cummings, Dr. Roxana Curiel, Prof. Colleen Farry, Ms. Sharon Finnerty, Dr. Christopher Fremaux, Dr. JoyAnna Hopper, Prof. Michael Knies, Associate Dean Jean Lenville, Prof. Bonnie Markowski, Dr. William Miller, Prof. Ian O'Hara, Prof. Sylvia Orner, Dr. Kimberly Pavlick, Prof. Sheli Pratt-McHugh, Dr. Jong-Hyun Son, Dr. Ben Willis and Dr. John Zych.

Unable to Attend: Dr. Deborah Budash, Dr. Tracey Collins, Dr. Marian Farrell, Dr. Michael Fennie, Dr. Terri Freeman-Smith, Dr. Jakub Jasinski, Dr. Jennifer Kaschak, Dr. Barry Kuhle, Dr. Michael Landrum, Dr. Nathan Lefler, Dr. Yibai Li, Dr. Wendy Mannetti, Dr. Robert McCloskey, Dr. Masood Otarod, Prof. Linda Mlodzienski, Dr. Christos Pargianas, Dr. Adam Pratt, Dr. Robert Shaffern, Atty. Jason Shrive, Dr. Argyrios Varonides, and Prof. Donna Witek.

Adam motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Bonnie Markowski. The minutes were accepted as written.

DEAN'S REPORT – Dean George Aulisio

a) R&I Student Success Search

We are pleased to announce that Elin Woods has accepted the position and will begin August 1, 2023. With Elin's addition, our faculty lines are fully staffed for the first time in a few years. Gratitude was extended to the search committee.

b) Solar Panel Project Grant

Our application is in for the \$100,000 EBSCO Solar Panel Grant. If that is approved, and with Federal money, the installation will not cost us anything. We will be notified in June 2023.

c) Schemel Forum / Hope Horn Gallery

Both entities are transitioning to new roles within the University. Sondra Myers is retiring, and the director's position will not be replaced. The fall program speakers are set, but the dates are to be confirmed. The format of the program will remain in the format it has been.

Beginning June 1, 2023, The Hope Horn Gallery and Darlene Miller Lanning will report to the Library. One of the goals is to catalog the University's art collection and display it as part of a digital catalog. Darlene will continue to run the gallery and plan exhibitions. The Library's main role in this position is supporting the Gallery.

d) Iron Mountain Retrospective and Future Discussion

Last summer, we signed a 3-year agreement with Iron Mountain. Feedback from the Committee is appreciated. In 2025, we may look to repeat the process. We currently pay \$9,702 yearly to

house 14,000 books that don't circulate. Discussion on ending the program took place as books are not being recalled. The Library will share a list of titles in Iron Mountain in advance of our current contract ending. There was a 3-month timeline for departments to review their listings.

e) Book Purchasing Procedures

A few departments are having issues with book purchasing through their department liaison structure. One suggestion for the 24/25 academic year is that any faculty member could request materials directly using a form. A small Library Advisory Committee task force will be formed during the Spring 2024 semester to examine book buying procedures. Prof. Sylvia Orner will chair the task force.

f) Library Advisory Committee Charge / Bylaws (Dean Aulisio & Dr. Farrell)

The Library Advisory Committee is operating in lieu of bylaws. A statement is housed on the website, but it would be best practice to produce written bylaws or a guiding principles document. Dr. Bruch suggested adding more statements about the Library Advisory Committee's role regarding Library functions. After further discussions, it was decided that a small task force will be formed at the first Library Advisory Committee meeting of the Fall 2023 semester.

LIBRARY FACULTY REPORTS

1. EBSCO's Discovery Services (EDS) Update (Prof. Cloutier / Prof. Orner)

The process of moving the discovery layer has begun. Profs. Cloutier and Orner presented the appearance of EDS and how to search for all material. One function mentioned was that there is integration with Interlibrary Loan. There are many filter options to assist searches. EDS goes live on June 1, 2023.

2. Affordable Learning Update (Prof. Orner)

April 28, 2023, is the deadline for grants. There was a call for judging volunteers. The judging is anticipated for the first week of May and may be done via Zoom. A sheet was passed around asking for volunteers.

3. IL Program Update (Dean Aulisio for Prof. Witek)

Bonnie W. Oldham Library Research Prize: The deadline for Intersession and Spring projects is Monday, May 1, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. Details and application form are at www.scranton.edu/libraryresearchprize. Please encourage students whose work is promising to apply. Judging will take place the week of May 1, 2023. A special thank you to all those serving on the judging panels, many of whom are here today. Winners and faculty recommenders will be notified by Monday, May 8, 2023. Everyone was invited to the Awards Ceremony and Reception on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 2:30 in the Library's 5th floor Charles Kratz Scranton Heritage Room. Any questions can be directed to Donna Witek, Information Literacy Coordinator.

4. Fr. Pilarz Digital Exhibit (Prof. Farry)

The link for the exhibit is www.scranton.edu/library/fatherpillarz. It is arranged by theme with the inclusion of additional videos and information.

5. Special Collections / University Archives Exhibits (Prof. Knies)

The Fr. Pilarz exhibit will come down by the end of the week along with the 50th Anniversary of CoEducation Exhibit. The beginning of May 2023 will start the University Scholarship Exhibit through the end of the academic year. A coinciding Faculty Club meeting will be held on Friday, May 12, 2023, Alumni Books will then be installed for Alumni Weekend.

IAMPETH is having its 74th-anniversary conference in Scranton because we have one of the largest penmanship exhibits in the country. A coinciding exhibit with Archival holdings will be installed. The exhibit will be up through the fall semester.

NEW BUSINESS (All)

There was no new business discussed.

Kim Pavlick motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ben Willis. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kym Balthazar Fetsko