

Faculty Senate Library Committee

Minutes

February 24, 2022

Attendees: Kathryn McKnight (Chair), Stephanie Beene (Fine Arts & Design), Rich Brody (Anderson School of Mngmt), Cathy Qi (Special Ed.), Jennifer Laws (School of Law), Colin Olson (Arts&Sciences, Sociology), Deborah Rhue (HSLIC), Tamara Shannon (Nursing), Guoyi Zhang (Math & Stats), Michelle Rigual (Law Library Director, Ex officio), Melissa Rethlefsen (HSLIC Director, Ex officio), Leo Lo (Dean University Libraries, Ex officio)

Absent: AJ Brody (ASUNM), Mohammad Motamed (Math & Stats), Caroline Scruggs (SAAP Community and Regional Planning), Jackson Zinsmeyer (ASUNM)

Meeting called to order: 2:02 pm

Review of Agenda: Rich Brody moved to approve, Stephanie Beene seconded. No Discussion. Approval: 9 yes, 0 no

Report from Leo Lo:

- In process of hiring OER Librarian
- Starting new search for collection analysis position at UL
- Moving UL items to South Campus Repository – 1.2 million item capacity, will be limited to items not checked out in past 20 years, will be an 8-10 year process, taking time to get the workflow and strategy right
- Strategic planning underway for UL – survey has been distributed, there will also be focus groups, and the UL administration will craft a high-level plan with top level goals that align with UNM 2040
- Leo has joined UNM Museum Council – looking to learn from them and how to leverage and combine efforts and expertise

Report from Michelle Rigual:

- Law Library currently not open to the public, providing large amounts of remote service
- Several staff hires underway
- Remodeling work anticipated to be completed this summer
- Refining the law library teaching rotation, to account for the new lecturer academic leave policy

Report from Stephanie Beene:

- Very busy at the Fine Arts Library
- Swipe access only, since March 2020, is not a policy under the control of the library but rather the administrators of the Art and Architecture building – future plans for building access unknown
- Heavy use of physical collection

Report from Melissa Rethlefsen:

- Two new faculty positions started this month

- Two open staff positions, so still in the process of achieving full staffing
- Two new electronic collection access tools have been purchased by HSLIC that will enable more seamless access to resources
- Working on data management training
- HSLIC has piloted providing menstrual products in all bathroom facilities, and it has been successful – it may be used as a model in other parts of HS campus
- Melissa has proposed three new faculty hires for HSLIC, awaiting feedback on whether these will happen – HSLIC staffing is below where it should be to provide the services they are called upon to provide
- Two recent grant initiatives: 1) Received a SW community engagement project grant from the National Library of Medicine; 2) Proposal submitted to IMLS for support for Native health database

Approval of minutes: November 23, 2021: Motion to approve from Rich Brody, second from Stephanie Beene. Approval: 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions

OER Task Force Report

- Link to OER task force documents:
<https://unmm.sharepoint.com/:f/t/LibraryCommittee/Eqir17ifdKpCqP4rYE81l1wBrCmLW0BWFK533qd6kUE6JA?e=eiBUI8>
- Task: identify roles appropriate for the committee, avoid a top-down approach to initiatives that impact faculty
- Jen Laws presented the results of a short survey about OER she distributed to Law faculty last week
- Initial focus of OER work: general education courses; Pamela Cheek wants to see all gen ed courses use OER, she would also like UNM faculty to develop their own New Mexico-centric OER for their courses
- Task of committee: how to motivate faculty to develop and utilize OER
- Cathy, Kathy, and Leo will reach out to colleagues among the Deans and chairs to start the discussion
- A survey will be utilized to grow the group of faculty that invest energy in getting other faculty involved in using and creating OER
- Collaborate with Faculty Senate, ASUNM, Bookstore for focus groups with faculty – intention to find more ways to engage with faculty about OER, articulate the arguments that will catch the faculty attention with a focus on student needs and concerns – equity, student engagement and success, appeal of OER in community colleges, move away from the “textbook industrial complex”
- Once the committee has identified faculty champions of OER, the hope is that they will make presentations (lighting lounge, etc.) to spread the word
- Leo will organize a university-wide OER working group, a desire for two liaisons from the FS-LC to that group

- Leo – perspective on the University-wide effort – he has reached out to a number of groups already to gauge interest (Bookstore, CTL, etc), the Provost will set up the working group soon; the hope is significant faculty participation in this working group to bolster the message that OER benefits to students are compelling
- Leo has data from his prior institution to demonstrate significant ROI for small expenditures to support OER adoption
- FS-LC will be an important bridge between the Faculty Senate and the university-wide OER working group
- Community colleges are increasingly providing “Z degree” programs, with zero textbook costs, with this information provided directly to students
- **Please let Kathy McKnight know if you would like to be a liaison on the OER working group
- There is not specific information about time commitment or schedule yet – Leo anticipates a large group to keep individual work loads low, possibly once/month meetings; first year’s focus will be education and raising awareness

Space Use Task Force Report

- Link to Space Use task force meeting minutes:
https://unmm.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/teams/LibraryCommittee/Shared%20Documents/General/Space%20Use%20Taskforce/2_21%20%26%2024%20Space%20Use%20TF%20meeting%20notes.docx?d=w5c81524015444895ac8e177dc35d8e42&csf=1&web=1&e=oMpMAB
- They’ve met twice already
- Discussed space-related initiatives already underway
- Brainstormed new initiatives, looking for areas more likely to be successful
- Popular areas: Study Rooms, Art display, Treadmill desks
- Partnerships with external constituents: entities/businesses/programs in the libraries that use space, won’t be leaving – these limit creative space use
- Other areas of need: Tech infrastructure, Furniture, Private vs. group work space
- Historically relevant/national historic registered buildings + buildings with health and safety concerns – these limit renovation options and abilities to make large changes
- New initiatives: S. Campus Repository; Prayer/Meditation/Reflection room at Centennial; Grad commons; Adobe creative commons
- Leo noted that UL has a long-term space planning group now to reinvigorate the initiatives that were halted due to COVID
- New ideas: dedicated rooms for students who are parents; more move-able furniture; more laptop plugin areas, fewer desktops; comfortable seating but traditional surfaces are still popular and needed
- Discussed strategies for gathering feedback
- Leo suggested adding a makerspace to the efforts of the space use task force

- Michelle Rigual: when thinking about pre-pandemic and post-pandemic space use and making plans, should focus on space and future use (rather than responding to the past)

Meet on Zoom or in-person?

- Kathy took a “straw poll” about whether to meet in-person or on Zoom – a preference for Zoom was expressed by a majority of members

Pending issues: discussion of library resources and staffing; channels to increase communication between UNM faculty and UNM libraries

Motion to adjourn: Rich Brody, Second: Michelle Rigual

Motion to adjourn approved by acclamation

Next meeting: Thursday April 14 2pm (Zoom)