

Faculty Senate Library Committee

Minutes

April 14, 2022

(Note on approval of the minutes. Due to

Attendees:

Members: Kathryn McKnight (Chair), Stephanie Beene (Fine Arts & Design), Rich Brody (Anderson School of Mngmt), Cathy Qi (Special Ed.), Jennifer Laws (School of Law), Guoyi Zhang (Math & Stats), Deborah Rhue (HSLIC),

Ex-Oficio: Melissa Rethlefsen (HSLIC Director), Leo Lo (Dean University Libraries), Mark Emmons (guest)

Absent: Colin Olson (Arts&Sciences, Sociology), Tamara Shannon (Nursing), AJ Brody (ASUNM), Mohammad Motamed (Math & Stats), Caroline Scruggs (SAAP Community and Regional Planning), Jackson Zinsmeyer (ASUNM), Michelle Rigual (Law Library Director, Ex officio)

Note-taker: Jennifer Laws

Meeting called to order: 2:05 pm

Approval of Agenda: Kathryn McKnight moved to approve, Jen Laws seconded. No Discussion. Approval: 5 yes, 0 no

Approval of minutes: February 24, 2021: Motion to approve from Rich Brody, second from Deborah Rhue. Approval: 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions

Report from Leo Lo:

- UL is currently engaged in strategic planning; has received survey feedback and are scheduling follow-up focus groups with full strategic plan complete by early summer. Goal: align with UNM 2040 plan. Shorter term, operational goal plans to come after the completion of the full strategic plan.
- OER librarian hiring is proceeding, finalist candidates identified, hoping to have that person on board in the summer.
- Collection analysis librarian is the next hire in the pipeline.
- University-wide OER initiative: Leo asked Deans to nominate representatives for this work group, and the new OER librarian will be an important part of this group. He's hoping to have a full committee charge to the Provost soon, so the group can get formed and charged soon.
- The library is working with other institutions to assess how textbook costs impact student success. They hope for IRB approval by summer to distribute a survey to faculty and students in the fall.
- Construction: card swipe turnstiles will be installed across the UL libraries, with provisions in place for public/guest users.

Report from Michelle Rigual (Law Library): (Given by Jen Laws)

- Jen offered brief update about changes to the Library and associate dean structure with the hiring of the new Law School dean, Camille Carey, who starts July 1, 2022.
- Staff hires are in process and the library should be at full staffing soon, though less than the historical measure of full staffing.
- The library's construction project will be reviewed by the Regents and the Commission on Higher Education. The hoped-for start date is in January 2023.

Report from Stephanie Beene (Fine Arts Library):

- Fine Arts: Next week is Arts Unexpected (4/22/22) – events on Albuquerque UNM campus. Because of changover in College of Fine Arts and pandemic, this is the first Arts Unexpected event for several years. Exhibit in Fine Arts and Design Library and an exhibit in Centennial. There will be receptions. Also activities in Zimmerman. Emphasis on “unexpected” – look for popup art on 4/22 in nooks and crannies all day.

Report from Melissa Rethlefsen (Health Sciences Library & Informatics Center):

- New subscription to BoardVitals, a study tool for all health professions programs.
- New skeletons have been named: Bona Lisa; Dr. Zia Bones; Special Agent Skelly
- A wellness room has been created, grant-funded project, has been very popular.
- EVP Dr. Douglas Ziedonis is working on a strategic plan for HSC, including restructuring. Melissa R is now part of a core group that reports to Dr. Ziedonis.
- With recent hires, HSLIC will be fully-staffed for the first time in several years.
- HSLIC is working on renovation of their main level (second floor) to make it more student-friendly. Melissa is engaging with the process to receive severance bonds to fund this project.

OER Task Force Report

- Survey draft has been created in Qualtrics. Faculty are reaching a fever-pitch of the semester and it's likely not a good time to distribute a survey. The plan is to distribute shortly after reconvening this committee in Fall 2022.
- Please use the link to the survey in the draft letter attached to the minutes:
https://unmresearch.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e9jTtM5IMcY6ac6
- Please go ahead and complete the survey if you wish.
- Kathy welcomes suggestions to promote faculty engagement with the survey. Are there things that should be changed or added?
- Focus in the fall: make edits as needed; plan how to distribute to faculty.
- Leo says a student survey about OER will be distributed, suggests to coordinate the faculty survey distribution with that effort – also he will consider presenting to the Deans meeting again about the survey prior to distribution.
- Volunteer liaison's to the OER Working Group: so far no concrete volunteers; Kathy would consider serving as liaison if someone else would act as chair of Library Committee.
- Kathy has reached out to Lisa Walden at the UNM Bookstore, looking to clarify the difference between Inclusive Access (via the Bookstore) and OER. Understanding the difference will be

important for communicating with faculty going forward. She also sees a need to identify the programs/departments with the highest costs – so can focus on those groups to get good survey results from their faculties.

Space Use Task Force Report (Mark Emmons)

- Mark Emmons was invited to join to speak to space use within University Libraries. Welcome Mark!
- South Campus Repository: eventually will hold one million of the lesser-used books. This will free up space for new and creative student uses. Mark would like to recruit members for the group charged by Leo Lo to look at space use in the libraries. They want to work with students, faculty, grad students. They plan to use the Harwood method to solicit wide-ranging input. Time commitment: 1-2 hours. Faculty meet with UL space use team to offer ideas, priorities, insights. Looking for broad faculty participation to get the widest possible range of perspectives on space use priorities.
- Link for survey and focus groups: <https://library.unm.edu/about/space-projects.php>
- Kathy will investigate the logistics of setting up a 2 hour time block for FS-LC members to offer input to the space use team. She will reach out to the non-librarian committee members who are not present at today's meeting and see if a group of 6-7 members can be rounded up to be a focus group.

Sample language from the website (posted by Stephanie B. to meeting chat):

Participate in a Library Survey and a Focus Group in April 2022

University Libraries is always interested in improving how we serve the UNM Community. This April, we will be offering two ways for you to help us learn more about what you are looking for out of your Lobo Experience.

Complete Our Survey

If you have just a little time, this survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete. The survey closes on April 30.

Focus Groups in April 2022

If you have a little more time, in-person and virtual focus groups lasting less than 2 hours are scheduled. The facilitator will ask a series of questions for the group to discuss. Everyone will have a chance to participate. Pizza and treats provided for all in-person events.

Please sign up for a conversation [here](#).

The questions are different so feel free to do both a survey AND a focus group. Thank you!

Next Year's Library Committee

First meeting of the fall will open with selecting a chair. Kathy is willing to continue serving, but is interested in finding a new chair. Be sure to complete the Faculty Senate Committee Preference Survey – Kathy forwarded the email from Finnie Coleman that includes the link to the online form.

<https://facgov.unm.edu/zhx7s0/>

Please recruit faculty colleagues who might be good members of this committee, the Faculty Senate website describes the committee slots and which departments/schools need to be represented:

<https://facgov.unm.edu/senate/rcw/library/>

Meeting adjourned at 2:48 pm

Adieu until the Fall!