

Faculty Senate Library Committee ([website](#))

Monday, April 22, 2024

9:00 am-10:00 am

Minutes

Charge of the Committee: https://handbook.unm.edu/a65_1/

- 1) Meeting called to order @ 9:04 am
- 2) Agenda approved: Deborah moved approval; Owen seconded; no discussion; approved 7:0
- 3) Minutes October 25, 2023 approved: Owen moved approval; Stacia seconded; no discussion; approved 6:0:1 (abstained)
- 4) Reports/Updates
 - a) College of University Libraries & Learning Sciences (Leo Lo)
 - There are [two new Associate Deans in CULLs](#): Amy Jackson – Associate Dean for University Libraries and Mark Emmons – Associate Dean for Administration and Organizational Strategy.
 - Several directors have gone to promotions elsewhere and there is one retirement coming up. So, next year there will be hires for directors and coordinators.
 - Graduate Commons is open in the basement of Zimmerman.
 - \$2.5 million gift from Rosalind Hurley to establish a Wilson Hurley Collection Endowment to support scholarship on her late husband's work. The collection is housed in the Southwest Research and Special Collections.
 - \$1 million donation to established 2 endowments: the mentorship endowment for the libraries, which will provide training opportunities for our faculty and student mentors.
 - The 2nd endowment is the Technological Advancement Endowment to help faculty and students learn how to use emerging technologies, including AI.
 - Assessment study of the diversity of libraries collections is underway in collaboration with Ithaca SNR. The purpose is to promote the building of DEI-oriented collections, and to promote best practices in identifying and documenting collection development strategies. UNM is in a cohort university libraries like Duke, Kent State, University of Buffalo, Delaware, Rochester and Toronto.
 - Working with Ithaca on a 2-year generative AI to learn about to help higher education adapt. Collaboration includes HSLIC.
 - The libraries are continuing to move the physical collections to remote storage, including the Parish Library collections.

- b) Law Library (Michelle Rigual and Jennifer Laws): report sent after meeting

Law Library Summary Report: 2023-24 School Year

Michelle Rigual and Jennifer Laws

Recent Events

The American Bar Association (ABA) and American Association of Law Schools (AALS) site visit team was at UNM Law April 7-9 conducting fact-finding observations and interviews as part of the law school reaccreditation process. The process also includes the preparation of an extensive self-report. The UNM Law reaccreditation effort was led by Associate Deans Rigual and Homer. The Law Library was heavily involved, not only in supporting our Director and her work but also in providing extensive data on faculty scholarship, the extent and nature of the law library's information resources and services, and documentation of both formal and informal legal research instruction. UNM Law will receive a summary report from the site visit team, will have time to respond as needed, with a final determination to be made by the ABA later in the fall.

Law Library Staffing

Last June the Library had a staffing restructure and hired a Technical Analyst 2. IT support had been a persistent need in the Library since the ransomware attack of July 2020 and the main campus takeover of the law school's IT infrastructure thereafter. Timothy Johnson (Associate Director of UNM IT Campus Outreach and Engagement and Associate Director of UNM IT Academic Technologies) joined the search committee to provide technical expertise and insight into the UNM IT environment. Filling this need allowed us to revive numerous stalled projects and created a huge morale boost for the Library staff.

Law Library Facilities

An office suite was completed on the lower level of the library in August 2023. The suite, which was funded mostly by pandemic savings, was created in a space where outdated print materials were previously shelved and provides updated office space for six law library staff members.

Law Library Collection

Most legal titles considered essential to practice require continuous updating to reflect the never-ending changes to the law. Legal publishers continue to transition their efforts away from print and toward electronic formats that support more frequent updates but can create contracting, ownership, security, and access issues. In late 2023, the law library transitioned its Wolters Kluwer treatise purchases from print to electronic access via the VitalLaw platform. This change is part of a larger trend in the direction of a streamlined law library print collection focused on current and historic New Mexico law, Indian and Tribal Law, and carefully selected monograph purchases.

Legal Research Instruction

The five law librarians at UNM Law teach two required courses in the law school curriculum: Introduction to Legal Research (first year, 1 credit) and Applied Legal Research (second year, 2 credits). These required courses leave the law librarians without much space in their workloads for additional classroom teaching. That said, Professor Thomas taught *Advocacy* during the summer 2023 Pre-Law Summer Institute and will do so again this coming summer. Professor Thomas is also currently teaching *Copyright Law*. Professor Laws proposed a new course at UNM Law, *Computer Technology in Law Practice*, that was approved by the UNM Law curriculum committee and will be taught this summer. Professor Rigual regularly teaches *International Law of Art and Cultural History* during the summer semesters as well as the first year *Lab* course each fall.

c) Health Sciences Library and Informatics Center (Deborah Rhue)

- HSLIC is hosting a traveling exhibit from the National Library of Medicine on Global Population Health in June and July. Stay tuned for an announcement of a reception and outside speakers.
- There are four open positions at HSLIC for Library Marketing and Support Coordinator, Research Librarian, a second Clinical Education Librarian to work with the College of Nursing and maybe PT and OT, and Division Head for Public Services.
- Construction project on the main floor of the library on schedule for completion by end of October 2024.

5) Discussion of Proposal by Kathy McKnight, Committee Chair, and Leo Lo, Dean of CULLS

The December 4, 2023 meeting did not reach quorum, so the five attendees discussed the value of the committee and ways to decrease the service committee and encourage leadership. There was a consensus endorsement of the value of the committee for communication among the libraries, for opening a space for faculty and student feedback on library developments, to maintain a record of these developments on the Faculty Senate webpage, and to sustain the institutional mechanism for faculty to bring issues and proposals to the librarians and the Faculty Senate as they may arise.

Dean Leo Lo and Chair Kathy McKnight met and brought forward the following proposal:

- a) The Committee will meet once per semester at a set time, which will be advertised on the website and available as information when faculty sign up for committee service.
- b) The duties of the Chair include:

- i) Communicate with the Office of the University Secretary to ensure that calendar invitations, minutes, and agenda are distributed ahead of time, that the Chair is set as Zoom co-host and that the Zoom AI Companion is set for the meeting to transcribe and summarize the meeting.
- ii) The Chair leads the meeting with the following set agenda:
 - (1) Approval of the minutes
 - (2) Reports by CULLS, HSLIC, the Law Library (10-12 minutes each)
 - (3) Feedback and recommendations by Committee members
 - (4) New business brought by Committee members
- iii) The Chair compiles the notes from the Zoom AI Companion transcription and summary and sends these to the Office of the University Secretary for posting on the Faculty Senate website.
- iv) The Chair makes an annual report to the Research and Creative Works Council to the Faculty Senate.
- v) The Committee Chair may be a faculty librarian or a faculty member who is not a librarian.

There was consensus expressed to accept the proposal. The Chair will set a meeting time in consultations with the committee and the librarians, avoiding set meeting times for the faculty senate, chairs & directors, deans council, and libraries.

- 6) Introductions of members
- 7) Election of a new Chair (This is Kathy's last meeting.)
 - a) There were no nominations from among those present.
 - b) Kathy reported Jenn Laws's willingness to serve as Chair.
 - c) Nomination of Jenn Laws: Owen, second: Deborah.
 - d) Jenn Laws was elected.
- 8) Kathy resigned as Chair and from the committee due to work overload and family needs. She will ensure that the committee records are established on a shared webpage.
- 9) No new business from members
- 10) Adjourn – 10:35 am

Members: Quorum = 7

Present: Kathryn McKnight (A&S, Humanities, Committee Chair); Owen Wooley (A&S, Social Sciences); Stacia Smith-Alexander (Fine Arts); Tamara Shannon (Nursing); Marios Pattichis (Engineering); Deborah Rhue (HSLIC); Glenn Koelling (CULLS); Madeline Nelson (ASUNM); Leo Lo (Dean University Libraries);

Absent: Tracy Lassiter (Gallup); Mark Morgan-Tracy (A&S, STEM); Jennifer Laws (Law); Julia Scherba de Valenzuela (COEHS); Justin Lauriano (Student, GPSA); Melissa Rethlefsen (HSLIC Director); Michelle Rigual (Law Library Director, Ex officio)