

University Senate Library Services Committee

Monday, May 17, 2021

12PM - 1PM

Virtual Meeting

Minutes

Members in attendance: Philip Doesschate (chair), Chris Sauerwald, Spencer Austin, Kristen Shorette, Jessica Koos, Christine Fena, Peter Manning, Izumi Ashizawa, Zhenhua Liu

Members excused with leave: Jingxuan Liu, Daniel Davis, F.Jason Torre, Hanna Nekvasil, Helmut Norpoth

Meeting called to order at 12:07 PM

Agenda:

Review of Draft of Committee Report for 2020-2021 to be submitted to University Senate, summarizing the meetings of this committee and the discussions/conclusions reached during the previous year

Concerns of committee about several key issues related to Library administration and physical plant, faculty/staff attrition, Elsevier/Open Access, RDM, etc.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for February, March, April 2021 meetings approved by unanimous vote of all members

Philip would like to bring Dave Cyrill in for at least one summer meeting to continue discussion of the Research Data Management topic. Meeting date(s) TBD

50k in funding for RDM needs to be supplemented to provide the service that university faculty and researchers require. How is the Library able to help in the curation of this data?

Report of the Interim Dean - Dean will be invited to attend and present at next meeting.

Summer Meetings / Schedule

Phil will email members to get their availability for two summer meetings

Discussion of ARL rankings will wait until September

Jingxuan Liu asks about whether the Library core operations can be maintained given the alarming rate of faculty and staff attrition and declining funding

Phil: Library budget was cut significantly in 2008-2010. There used to be more active branch libraries. State funding has been flat since 2011. Costs continue to rise (e.g. Elsevier contract +20%)

Kristen: Does the library org structure need to be revamped? What is the current structure of the library's staffing?

Phil: other Universities have different structures for supporting Libraries and their leadership. Can we advocate for changes in the way SBU supports the library moving forward?

Jessica: Difficulty in hiring qualified faculty for open positions is partially a budgetary problem but perhaps also an issue of unrealistic job duties and uncertainty about library leadership (Dean) in the next year

Adjourned at 12:41 PM