

Library Advisory Committee
Minutes of the February 26th, 2016 Meeting

The meeting came to order at 11:40 a.m.

Present: Dr. Dona Bauman, Dr. Lori Bruch, Dr. Marzia Caporale, Dr. Tracey Collins, Dr. Carol Coté, Dr. Kathleen Dwyer, Dr. Marian Farrell, Dr. Michael Fennie, Dr. David Friedrichs, Mr. Eugeniu Grigorescu, Mr. Adnan Herbawi, Dr. Jakub Jasinski, Prof. Michael Knies, Mr. Charles Kratz, Mr. Christopher Kustera, Dr. Andrew LaZella, Ms. Jean Lenville, Dr. Yibai Li, Dr. Robert McCloskey, Prof. Sheli McHugh, Dr. Susan Mendez, Prof. Betsey Moylan, Prof. Bonnie Oldham, Dr. William Parente, Dr. Christos Pargianas, Dr. Kimberly Pavlick, Dr. Adam Pratt, Dr. David Salerno, Dr. Terri Freeman Smith, Prof. Narda Tafuri, Dr. Ben Willis, Prof. Kristen Yarmey, and Dr. John Zych

Unable to attend: Prof. George Auliso, Dr. Yaodong Bi, Dr. Douglas Boyle, Dr. Scott Breloff, Dr. Josephine Dunn, Mrs. Sharon Finnerty, Dr. Teresa Grettano, Dr. Barry Kuhle, Dr. Nathan Lefler, Dr. Masood Otarod, Dr. Sufian Qrnfleh, Dr. Argyrios Varonides, and Prof. Donna Witek.

Dr. Lazella motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Prof. McHugh. The minutes were accepted as written.

Dean Kratz introduced Kym Fetsko, who is filling Bonnie Strohl's role as minutes taker. He then announced the 2016 Jay Nathan Lecture is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26th, 2016. This year's topic is Thailand: Tradition vs. Modernization. Mr. Kratz also reported that the Friends of the Library are honoring one of Scranton's native sons, Stephen Karam, with the Distinguished Author Award. Stephen is the son of Marie Karam, The University of Scranton's Language Learning Center Director. The event will take place on Saturday, October 29th, 2016.

The Brody Pods, purchased with funds given by the Friends of the Library, are in and Dean Kratz thanked Sheli McHugh for her role in procuring them. Additionally, the Associate Dean search will begin advertising this summer, and interviewing this fall. A call for faculty members to serve on the search committee will be forthcoming in May, 2016.

A discussion ensued when Dean Kratz reported that the Provost has indicated a 1% budget increase in the 16/17 budget for Library acquisitions. The inflation rate on journals is between 6-7%, so this amount will not cover the increase, let alone additional books or online resources. The Library received a 3% budgetary increase in the 15/16 budget. Many departments will have no choice but to cut back on current online resources and book orders. There was concern about how cutting resources could affect our accreditation.

Dr. Farrell suggested writing a letter to the Provost. Dr. Mendez proposed bringing it to the Faculty Senate for endorsement and Dr. LaZella recommended bringing it to the FSCC's attention. Prof. Yarmey will supply Dr. Farrell with the language from the Tactical Plan for inclusion. Dean Kratz advised initiating a conversation with Dr. Boomgaarden before bringing the letter to the Faculty Senate.

Dr. Farrell will reach out to the Provost, summarize the conversation to the Advisory Committee and begin drafting the letter.

Prof. Oldham announced Monday, February 29th is the deadline for the Information Literacy grants. She requested volunteers to judge submissions—one from each college.

She is also looking for volunteers to judge Library Research Prize submissions. She explained it involves time to read each entry and then attend a meeting to determine the 2016 winners. This year's award presentation is scheduled for May 12th at 2:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room.

Signup sheets were distributed for both items.

Interim Associate Dean, Jean Lenville, reported on a recent meeting with Iron Mountain regarding remote storage. We now have a contract in place. She passed out a summary sheet on items discussed, which included: Changes to the Google Docs spreadsheet, the tools needed for the project, the project timeline, and the email blast about the project to all faculty. Dean Kratz added the reason for implementing remote storage is that we do not have enough building space to house our entire collection, especially new acquisitions. This company allows 24 hour delivery for requests. If an item is requested it will stay within the Library and will not return off-site.

A signup sheet was passed around collecting Gmail email addresses for those having trouble accessing the document on Google Docs. Interim Associate Dean Lenville said that if anyone was having issue getting access, to contact her for assistance. She also suggested putting the spreadsheet on our website, but most felt it was unnecessary.

A copy of the email draft was sent to Advisory members for review. A few faculty members communicated suggestions to the letter via email to Dean Kratz.

Interim Associate Dean Lenville confirmed that Library Advisory edits to the spreadsheet should be complete by April 1. The list will then be revised to show only those books planned for remote storage, and will be redistributed for a final review before May 1.

Prof. Knies updated the committee with news of an exhibit currently ongoing in the Heritage Room containing Don Rash's bookbinding and print work. Mr. Rash is from Plains, PA. This exhibit is more class/student oriented. Classes from Marywood University have recently visited the exhibit.

Additionally, Prof. Knies reported that through a generous gift from the Friends of the Weinberg Library, The University Special Collections has acquired a number of rare Jesuit books. A future exhibit including these books is anticipated. Dean Kratz also added in addition to the rare books, the Friends donates \$5,000 every year to purchase additions to the Library collection.

Prof. Knies introduced Colleen Farry, Special Collections Cataloger, who spoke about an upcoming Wikipedia Editathon, which will take place in the Library, room 305 on Saturday, March 5th from noon – 4 p.m. To learn how to contribute and participate, email her at archives@scranton.edu.

Prof. Tafuri informed the committee about the Library's International Film Series next film "Illegal." The presentation is scheduled for Friday March 11, 2016 at 7 p.m. in Room 305 of the Weinberg Memorial Library. Dr. Caporale will lead a discussion following the film. This event is open to faculty, staff, students, and the public. Please email sharon.finnerty@scranton.edu for more information.

The Library is also doing a pilot trial of Swank Digital Access, an online streaming database. Swank gives access to over 300 current movie titles. To access Swank, go to the Library database page and look under "S" for Swank. Prof. Tafuri indicated you will be prompted to download a few apps in order for the movie to play. Chrome is the recommended browser.

The meeting concluded with Dr. Farrell inviting faculty to attend Dr. Chris Anson's lecture on Supporting Eloquentia Perfecta: Writing, Speaking, and Digital Communication in All Courses on April 1st, 2016, in ELH 235 (The Forum).

With no further items to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.