Library Advisory Committee
Minutes of the October 2, 2015 Meeting

The meeting came to order at noon.

Present: Dr. Scott Breloff, Prof. Matt Briel, Dr. Carol Cote, Dr. Marian Farrell, Dr. Michael Fennie, Mrs. Sharon Finnerty, Chair, Prof. David Friedrichs, Mr. Eugeniu Grigorescu, Dr. Jakub Jasinski, Dean Charles Kratz, Mr. Christopher Kustera, Dr. Andrew LaZella, Assistant Dean Jean Lenville, Dr. Erica Lasek-Nesselquist, Dr. Yibai Li, Dr. Robert McCloskey, Prof. Sheli McHugh, Prof. Betsey Moylan, Prof. Bonnie Oldham, Dr. William Parente, Dr. Christos Pargianas, Dr. Kim Pavlick, Prof. Narda Tafuri, Dr. Adam Pratt, Associate Dean Bonnie Strohl, Ms. Natalie Wentz, Dr. Ben Willis, Prof. Kristen Yarmey, and Dr. John Zych.

Unable to attend: Prof. George Aulisio, Dr. Dona Bauman, Dr. Marzia Caporale, Dr. Kathy Dwyer, Dr. Tracey Collins, Dr. Terri Freeman-Smith, Dr. Teresa Grettano, Dr. Barry Kuhle, Dr. Nathan Lefler, Dr. Susan Mendez, and Prof. Donna Witek.

Dr. Farrell asked for a round of introductions.

On a motion by Dr. Willis, seconded by Dr. Pratt, the minutes were approved as written.

Dean Kratz reported on the Think-Check-Submit hub about which Prof. Tafuri gathered information from an article about the increase in predatory journal publishing in the October 1, 2015, *Inside Higher Education*. *Think. Check. Submit.*'s website says that it is a campaign to help researchers identify trusted
journals for their research through a simple checklist to assess the credentials of a journal or publisher. It is supported by a coalition of scholarly communications in response to discussions about
deceptive publishing. The Library subscribes to *Cabell's* and *Ulrich's*, found on the A-Z list of databases, resources for identifying scholarly publishing.

Dean Kratz reported that during the summer, the Library opened the second floor for 24/7 access. There are now 300 seat available 24/7. The second floor provides a greater variety of seating options and will be equipped, without any loss of seating, with some pieces to modernize the learning spaces.

The 3% increase in the acquisitions budget was the best that the Library could get in the present year. Dean Kratz will be on the Budget Advisory Committee next year. February 12th is the deadline for placing book orders.

Prof. Oldham announced that the Library will be awarding two Information Literacy stipends for Intersession and Spring 2016. The submission deadline for proposals is November 2. Dr. Ben Willis, PCPS, Dr. John Zych, KSOM, and Dr. Kim Pavlick, CAS, volunteered to serve as judges.

Prof. Oldham asked faculty to encourage their students to apply for the Library Research Prize. She noted that the essays students submit in their applications should demonstrate how they used the library for their research and not be on the topic or results of their research.

Following the WML+10 look toward the future of the Library, one identified need was for space for Library collections. It is unlikely that there will an addition to the Library. The shelves are tightly packed which is detrimental to preservation of the collections. There is an opportunity to participate in a pilot project with the PALCI (Pennsylvania Academic Library Consortium, Inc.) sixty-eight libraries with which we participate in some Interlibrary Loan. Ms. Strohl presented information about the project in a PowerPoint, attached. The library would store 5,000-10,000 books in an Iron Mountain facility with proper environmental conditions. Any book a user wanted to use would be pulled from storage within one day. Each library's collection would be kept intact as a discreet collection. Candidates for remote storage might be those that had not been borrowed in 20+ years. A set of criteria for selection of books would be established by a subcommittee of the Library Advisory with participation by Library faculty.

Discussion:
In response to a question about why these titles should not be weeded instead of paying to store them remotely, Dean Kratz noted that with one certain retirement and others possible, the labor intensive job of weeding would be difficult. The suggestion that departments borrow 50+ books for departmental libraries has issues since a location code for each such satellite would be necessary so users of the catalog would know where to find that item. Books with recent copyright dates circulate more than those 1950 or earlier. Older materials might not be the ones departments would want to borrow. Hours of accessibility and control of the items is also an issue when items are not in the Library. There are titles that are both in print and online.

There was discussion of what can be done to encourage greater use of the collection. Some faculty said student scan pages they are interested in but the Library does an inhouse use count so if books are pulled from the shelves, they are counted. The variation in how departments use resources include the sciences as wanting current, usually periodical sources and the humanities as less dependent on copyright date.

On campus storage in a basement of a building runs the risk of environmental damage to books that do not like humidity, direct light or dense packing on shelves. The purpose of remote storage is retaining ownership of the books and not removing them from the collection. Any book recalled because someone wanted it would be reshelved in the Weinberg Memorial Library. The pilot project is for three year.

For the pilot to proceed, there must be a commitment from a number of PALCI libraries to reach a targeted number of books to be placed in a storage facility. We must give PALCI our decision by October 31st. If we decide we will participate, a Library Advisory Subcommittee will meet to determine the criteria for identifying items to be remotely stored. While the decision must be made by October 31st, materials would not be moved until March 2016 or later.

 On a motion by Dr. Ben Willis, seconded by Dr. Marian Farrell: By Monday, October 12th, by a simple majority of those who vote yes or no, the Weinberg Memorial Library will notify PALCI if the University of Scranton will commit to participation in the remote storage pilot

project. Comments included with the vote will be shared with the Library Faculty, and if the vote is to move forward with the pilot project, comments will be shared with the Library Advisory Subcommittee for Establishing Criteria. [Note: the original motion had a deadline of Friday October 9th for the vote but to give a full week for voting, with the permission of Dr. Willis and Dr. Farrell, it was amended to October 12th]

The following Library Advisory Committee members volunteered to serve on the Criteria for Remote Storage Subcommittee: Dr. Scott Breloff, Prof. Matt Briel, Dr. Carol Cote, Dr. Michael Fennie, Dr. Marian Farrell, Dr. Andrew LaZella, Assistant Dean Jean Lenville, Dr. Yibai Li, Prof. Sheli McHugh, Dr. Christos Pargianas, Dr. Kim Pavlick, Dr. Adam Pratt and Prof. Narda Tafuri. Prof. Kevin Norris and Prof. Michael Knies from the Library faculty will also serve on the subcommittee.

Prof. McHugh demonstrated a virtual shelflist. By clicking on the call number of a selected book, a user is able to see books that would be beside it on the shelf. This enhances browsing and exploration by subject.

Prof. Tafuri prepared a handout, attached, on tips for using *Choice Reviews Online* to read reviews, set up notification and see bibliographic essays.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Bonnie Strohl