

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
University Libraries Committee
November 15, 2019
Golda Meir Library
Digital Humanities Lab

Attendance: Martha Carlin, Michael Doylen – UL Director, Erin Kaheny, Laya Liebeseller, Jesse McLean- ULC Chair, Conal McNamara, Shama Mirza, Hanyong Park, Paul Price, Jason Puskar, and Jessica Staedter

Excused: Julie Ellis, Lindsay McHenry, Nadine Kozak, and Hilary Snow

Guests: Stephen Appel, Geospatial Information Specialist; Jie Chen, Digital Collections Application Specialist; and Ann Hanlon, Head, Digital Collections and Initiatives and DH Lab

McLean called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2019 meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously with all members voting.
2. Chair's Report

There was no new business reported.

3. Library Director's report

Doylen reported the following personnel news:

- The top finalist for the Music & Performing Arts Librarian has verbally accepted our offer; we await a signed contract before we can share the news.
- We are conducting four on-campus interviews for the Head of Archives through December 5.
- We are conducting an on-campus interview for the Library Services Assistant at Washington County on Monday.
- Linda Kopecky, User Services, has announced her retirement after nearly 20 years of service. Linda will retire in order to start a new chapter in her career at the University of Nevada, Reno as Associate Dean, Libraries and Teaching & Learning Technologies. She anticipates that her last day in the UWM Libraries will be Friday, December 13.
- Andy Ritter has accepted the role of head of Library Systems effective immediately. He has served as the interim head since March. He continues to work directly with Campus Technology Support during phase two of CTS implementation to ensure good communication and service transition for the Libraries.

The Libraries recently brought the AGSL, Archives, and Special Collections together as a Division of Distinctive Collections under Marcy Bidney as the assistant director. The

intention is that this new arrangement will fuel greater collaboration among the staff and present all of these areas to our users in a more unified manner. Marcy continues to serve as the curator for AGSL.

Doyleen noted that the percentage of the Libraries' anticipated budget decrease moved from 4.6% to 6% due to central units being asked to shoulder a greater share of the overall campus cut. Doyleen noted that this percentage is unadjusted. The Libraries submitted its proposed budget and will meet with campus administration on December 12. It expects to receive its actual budget for FY21 in January. Doyleen hopes to have a full update for ULC at our first meeting in the spring semester.

During OA Week (Oct 21-27), the Libraries promoted the Open Textbooks Project with CETL. To date, the project has supported Open Textbook and Open Educational Resources (OER) adoption in 16 UWM courses and saved 12,056 students \$1,666,173 in textbook costs. Students saved \$513,568 in 2019, surpassing the 2018 figure of \$498,076.

UW System is conducting a survey to help develop a System-wide strategy for making OER available for teaching and learning across campuses. Survey is being sent to high-level institutional stakeholders including CUWL, Provosts, Registrars, and Student Affairs. At each campus it is also being sent to Faculty Senate, AS Senate, SA Senate, bookstore managers, and digital learning environment support teams (housed in CETL).

The Libraries celebrated the 50th annual Fromkin Memorial Lecture on November 9. Congresswoman Gwen Moore was the featured speaker. We were joined by Dan Soyer, grandchild of Morris Fromkin.

GIS Day 2019 at UWM will take place on Wednesday, November 20 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the AGSL and features free, hands-on workshops, speakers, and vendors.

On Nov. 21, User Services will host two workshops at the Waukesha branch library for faculty and students on the Web of Science database.

On January 1, 2020, the Libraries will launch a new program to extend borrowing privileges to community members. Currently, individuals are required to join the Friends and make a gift to the UWM Foundation in order to borrow books. While this arrangement has worked well for years, the Libraries need a more efficient way of extending borrowing privileges. Additionally, Legal Affairs has encouraged us to find a different way of doing this in order to comply with recent UW System policies. Under the new program, individuals will pay a fee directly to the Libraries. Current Friends members will transition to the new program as their memberships expire.

4. Presentation by Stephen Appel, Jie Chen and Ann Hanlon

Ann Hanlon, Jie Chen, and Stephen Appel gave presentations on application development work supporting digital scholarship. Hanlon demonstrated innovative classroom uses for StoryMapJS, a cloud-based application that incorporates digitized

primary source materials, multi-media, and a map-based navigation interface. Hanlon highlighted use of the "zoomify" function to explore archival images and showcased a customized version of the tool developed by Chen that will allow a researcher to develop and demonstrate StoryMapJS stories and collections in low-or-no-bandwidth environments, such as Cuba. Appel demonstrated a custom search and discovery layer for digitized Sanborn maps that overlays map keys that enable researchers to visually search for digitized Sanborn maps based on a map of the city itself, and then zoom into the high resolution maps themselves. Appel also featured a search and discovery visualization tool based on explorer Louise Boyd's own hand-drawn maps of Greenland.

5. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the committee, it was moved and seconded to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. The motion passed unanimously with all members voting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Katrina Kozar