

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee  
 University Libraries Committee  
 January 31, 2020  
 Golda Meir Library  
 Director's Conference Room

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

**Excused:** Nadine Kozak, Lindsay McHenry, Shama Mirza, Hilary Snow, and Jessica Staedter

**Guests:** Svetlana Korolev, Science Librarian & Carrie Wade, Health Sciences Librarian

McLean called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2019 meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously with all members voting.

2. Chair's Report:

McLean brought to ULC's attention that a student requested to have a prayer/meditation space located in the library. Doyle explained he knew about this request and reached out to the Union to learn how about current spaces available to students for this purpose. He was told that the Kenwood United Methodist Church offers meditation classes, which are listed in the schedule of classes. Also, the Muslim Student Association has a prayer room that is located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Union. Doyle will ask the Libraries' Diversity Committee to connect with students and assess the need for such a space in the Libraries.

3. Library Director's report:

In personnel news, Doyle reported the following new hires

- Anna Grau Schmidt began employment on Jan. 4 as the music and performing arts librarian,
- Karen Kleist began on Jan. 5 as the Library Services Assistant at Washington County,
- Samantha Hidde began on Jan. 29 as the CASE Associate at Washington County in a fixed-term capacity while we evaluate the future needs of the position,
- Derek Webb will start on Feb. 10 as the head of the Archives Department

The Libraries is holding all other recruitments until budget planning is finalized.

The Libraries is planning for a budget cut of \$544,000 in FY21, which is 6.7% of this year's budget. Doyle will share details about the plan to manage this spending reduction at the next ULC meeting.

The Libraries are the recipient of \$50,000 Mellon grant to support use of digital collections as data for research projects; Collections as Data: Part to Whole. We are one of 12 universities selected to receive this funding.

The Libraries received numerous applications for the Fromkin Research Grant and Lectureship. The selection committee will meet on Feb. 21 to interview applicants.

AGSL recently acquired a collection by photojournalist and adventurer Loren McIntyre (1917-2003). His work has been widely published in over 500 publications, including Time, Life, Smithsonian, National Geographic, etc. It's a stunning collection of photos, mainly dating from 1950 to 1980 and relating to Central and South America. It's vast -- 80,000 slides, 400 prints, albums, notebooks, recordings, movie reels, and more.

AGSL recently selected its 2020 research fellows: Lauren Beck, Professor of Hispanic Studies/Visual and Material Culture Studies Mount Allison University (New Brunswick, Canada); Lindsay Braun, Associate Professor of African History, University of Oregon; and Philip Koyoumijan, Adjunct Lecturer, University of Rochester.

The Libraries are applying for a preservation planning grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities on behalf of AGSL.

CETL recently added information to its KnowledgeBase about how to properly link to library resources using helpful keywords like library, libraries, journal, and database. The Libraries also have this information available on its website. Well-designed links in Canvas ensure that class usage is counted by the Libraries when we perform our CPU analysis. Communicating via contacts.

4. Libraries Mission/Vision Statements Review:  
ULC reviewed the UWM Libraries mission/vision statements and made some suggestions to improve it.
5. RefWorks Review:  
  
Sveltana and Carrie joined ULC to go over the RefWorks Survey. The survey asked students, faculty, academic staff, and alumni for their input regarding usage. The analysis showed a decline in new accounts and usage. It is a high-cost, low-use tool with many alternatives. They conducted a focus group to gauge a smooth transition away from Refworks over WinterIM and to provide recommendations to CRM and US by April.
6. Future meetings:  
ULC suggested the last Friday of each month starting at 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Katrina will distribute a doodle poll will be distributed sharing their availability to reach quorum.
7. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the committee, it was moved and seconded to adjourn at 11:59 a.m. The motion passed unanimously with all members voting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Katrina Kozar