

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
 University Libraries Committee
 September 6, 2019
 Golda Meir Library
 Director's Conference Room W115E

Attendance: Martha Carlin, Michael Doylen – UL Director, Elizabeth Jastrab, Laya Liedeseller, Lindsay McHenry, Jesse Mclean- ULC Chair, Conal McNamara, Shama Mirza, Paul Price, Jason Puskar, and Hilary Snow

Excused: Julie Ellis and Nadine Kozak

Guest: Susan Foran, Interim Assistant Director of Libraries

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

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2019 meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously with all members voting.
2. Chair's report

Carlin expressed her deepest congratulations to Michael Doylen on the occasion of his appointment as the permanent Associate Vice Provost & Director of the Libraries.

3. Library Director's report

Doylen reported on the outcome of planning in spring 2019 to reduce collection budget expenditures. The Libraries received responses from faculty and instructional staff at all schools and colleges except two, as well as from a few graduate students. Based on this input, the Libraries will cancel subscriptions to 83 titles and achieve savings of \$107,408. Of these titles, faculty either supported cancellation or made no comment. Additionally, the Libraries will move three currently subscribed journals into Get It Now, which provides immediate fulfillment of unsubscribed journal content, 24/7. Doylen explained that this is a good alternative for high cost, low use journals, as well as for new titles whose research value for the campus is uncertain.

Doylen reported on "transition year" activities for UW System restructuring related to the UWM Libraries. Activities involved almost all library operations: collections, user services, resource sharing, ILL, etc. He explained efforts to redesign the UWM Libraries' homepage to serve as a portal to services and collections relevant to all three library locations, and well as the creation of separate library web pages for the Washington County and Waukesha campuses with content relevant to their specific needs. He described efforts to strengthen working relationships and communication among library staff at all three locations. College of General Studies Dean Bronner will visit the Libraries' leadership team on September 11, and Doylen will meet with CGS faculty and instructional staff later this semester.

Doylen noted that the Libraries reduced hours at both branch locations, beginning this fall semester. It reduced hours at Washington County by 4 hours/week based on low use of the space. That library now closes at 6p, Monday-Thursday, instead of 7p. It also reduced hours at Waukesha by 12 hours/week due to the absence of campus security to provide backup for

library student employees after 6p, Monday-Thursday. (Previously, the library stayed open until 9p, Monday-Thursday.) Doyley and Dean Bronner are investigating whether a campus security presence could be restored at least partially later this semester.

The Libraries will monitor expenditures at the branch libraries very closely. Although it requested \$76,000 for collections, ILL, staff development, student employees, and shared systems, it received only \$41,000.

Doyley summarized Welcome Week activities at all library locations for the committee.

Doyley provided an update on recent and continuing recruitments. The Libraries was unsuccessful in efforts to recruit for an acquisitions librarian; it will relaunch the search later this semester. Recruitments for the university archivist and music and performing arts librarian are underway, and the Libraries are seeking permission to recruit for a library services assistant at the Washington County library.

The following staff departures occurred since the committee last met in April: Jim Lowrey from Library Systems after 25 years (retirement), Kristin Briney from User Services after 6 years (resignation), and Kathi Paly from the Business Office after 37 years (retirement).

A top priority for Doyley is to stabilize his leadership team, which currently includes 3 interim appointments and 1 vacancy. This will involve some reorganization and new assignments.

Doyley updated the committee on facilities projects planned for the Golda Meir Library in 2019-2020, which include 1) extensive repairs to the exterior facade of the horseshoe stairwell in the west wing, 2) repairs to and replacement of the coping and flashing system along the north perimeter of the east wing roof, which has repeatedly failed and led to water intrusion, and 3) repairs to compact shelving in the lower level.

Doyley announced recent gifts of \$75,000 from the Batterman Family Foundation and \$25,000 from an anonymous donor for the Archives renovation project. He also expressed gratitude to the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies for providing \$6,000 of its funding from the U.S. Department of Education Title VI grant to enhance the Libraries' holdings and projects related to Latin America and Caribbean. The Libraries raised \$3,150,000 over the course of the comprehensive campaign. Doyley will provide more information with breakdowns by allocations, total number of donors, total number of gifts, etc.

Doyley announced that Congresswoman Gwen Moore will be the featured speaker at the 50th annual Fromkin Memorial Lecture on Saturday, November 9 at 2p.

4. New Business

- a. Call for agenda items
 - i. Improved guidance from CETL regarding the most appropriate way to link to library-subscribed content in Canvas
 - ii. Issues with access to e-books due to multiple users

- b. Schedule meetings for the fall semester
 - i. October 4, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
 - ii. November 15, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.
 - iii. December 6, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
- 5. Election of Chari for 2019-2020
ULC elected Jesse Mclean as the University Libraries Committee Chair for 2019-2020.
- 6. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the committee, it was moved and seconded to adjourn at 10:56 a.m. The motion passed unanimously with all members voting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Katrina Kozar