

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
University Libraries Committee
May 1, 2020
Teams Virtual Meeting

Attendance: Martha Carlin, Michael Doylen – UL Director, Julie Ellis, Elizabeth Jastrab, Erin Kaheny, Nadine Kozak, Lindsay McHenry, Jesse McLean- ULC Chair, Conal McNamara, Shama Mirza, Hanyong Park, Paul Price, Jason Puskar, and Jessica Staedter

Excused: Hilary Snow

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

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2020 meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously with all members voting.

2. Chair's report:

McLean thanked Doylen, Kozar, and the library staff for their work and guidance this year. McLean also thanked ULC members for their service. The following members are rotating off the committee: Ellis, Jastrab, Kaheny, and McLean. ULC will elect a new chair in the fall.

3. Director's report:

Doylen provided an overview of library services since students returned from spring break. He shared the following statistics that demonstrate the Libraries' intensified contribution to online teaching:

- 25% increase in User Services for online instructions
- 20% increase in LibGuide views in April
- 20% increase in articles scanned from our print collection from mid-March through late April
- 8% increase of electronic usage (March only)

He described the Libraries' planning for fall semester, which will be predominately or fully online. Campus buildings will be closed through July 31. How and when they reopen will depend on a host of factors. Doylen anticipates that library spaces will reopen in a phased approach aligned with the Governor's Badger Bounce Back program. The Libraries may reopen with limited hours, limited spaces, and limits on the number of people who can gather. Services that went online first in response to the pandemic (e.g., reference, research consultations, and instruction) may stay online the longest.

Conversely, on-site services that stayed open the longest (e.g., access to the computers in the Golda Meir Library's Learning Commons) may be among the first to reopen. The Libraries will likely reopen in a hybrid environment that sees the relaxation of some public health protocols and persistence of others (e.g., masks, social distancing, deep cleaning protocols).

The Libraries are planning a pick-up service for books and other resources, which it hopes to launch in the coming weeks.

To celebrate National Poetry month, UWM Libraries presented its first online program on April 28, a poetry reading by Wisconsin Poet Laureate Margaret Rozga and UW-Milwaukee Professor Mauricio Kilwein Guevara.

The Libraries will begin soliciting faculty input on the proposed collections spending reduction on May 4. Information will be communicated in the Provost's announcements, on the Libraries' website, and via the Libraries' contacts program. The reduction target is \$368,000. Doyle indicated that the list of titles for review will be longer than usual, largely because the Elsevier package is under consideration. He referred the committee to his recent blog post on [Developing a Sustainable Research Collection](#), which provides the UWM community with more context about the collections budget.

The Libraries have identified employees who will be either fully or partially furloughed in the first round of the position-specific furloughs. We will identify employees who will be furloughed in the second round by May 5.

Marion Archer begins her employment as the acquisitions librarian in the Collection and Resource Management (CRM) Division on May 4.

Recruitment for a Library Services Assistant, also in CRM, continues.

Doyle recently attended a town hall organized by the Office of Research. Topics included re-opening labs, libraries, workload, sabbaticals, GS funding, and more.

Michael thanked McLean for her service as chair, and the rest of ULC for their service.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the committee, it was moved and seconded to adjourn at 10:35 a.m. The motion passed unanimously with all members voting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Katrina Kozar