

**University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee
LIBRARIES COMMITTEE
2019-2020 Annual Report**

Members

Lindsay McHenry	FAC	Geosciences
Shama Mirza	FAC	Chemistry & Biochemistry
Alan Price	FAC	Mathematics & Natural Sciences
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Elizabeth Jastrab	AS	UWM Libraries
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Nicholas Russell	FAC	French, Italian & Comp Literature
Jason Puskar	Assoc Dean	(Graduate School Dean Rep)
Laya Liebeseller	Student	
Conal McNamara	Student/G	
Jessica Staedter	Student	

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A3.4 Libraries Committee

- (1) **Membership.** Seventeen members as follows: eight elected faculty members, at least one from each division; two appointed academic staff members; three students, one of whom is a graduate student. The academic staff members are appointed by the Chancellor upon recommendation of the Academic Staff Committee. The Chancellor, the Director of the Libraries, the Graduate Dean, and a representative of the UWM Alumni Association are ex-officio members.

(Document 2169, 12/17/98; UWM Administration approval, 12/30/98)

(Document 2330, 5/14/02, UWM Administration approval, 5/31/02)

(Document 2364, 11/21/02, UWM Administration approval, 11/28/02)

- (2) **Functions.**

- a) Represents the interest and authority of the university faculty in archives and library affairs and in the establishment of policy.

- b) Makes recommendations for faculty action.
- c) Advises the Director of the Libraries concerning administrative operation of the Archives and Libraries.

(Document 1016, 3/17/77; UWM Administration approval, 3/30/77)
(Document 1308, 4/22/82; UWM Administration approval, 4/29/82)
(Document 2319, 12/20/01; UWM Administration approval, 12/28/01)
(Document 2364, 11/21/02; UWM Administration approval, 11/28/02)
(Document 3090, 3/16/17; UWM Administration approval, 3/22/17)

Meetings

During semester I, 2019-2020, the University Libraries Committee (ULC) met three times (9/6, 10/4, 11/15); during semester II, the committee met four times (1/31, 2/24, 3/27, 5/1).

Major Accomplishments/Actions

- Received report from Ann Hanlon, Head of Digital Collections and Initiatives, regarding the Digital Humanities Lab, including the digital audio studio, which opened in 2018, and the DH teaching fellows and linked teaching team awards.
- As follow-up to Hanlon's report, the ULC met in the Digital Humanities Lab and attended presentations by Ann Hanlon; Jie Chen, Digital Collections Application Specialist; and Stephen Appel, Geospatial Information Specialist, on application development work supporting digital scholarship.
- Received report from Svetlana Korolev, Science Librarian, and Carrie Wade, Health Sciences Librarian, on plans to discontinue library support for RefWorks, a web-based citation management tool.
- Received report from Jason Puskar, Associate Dean of the Graduate School and representative of the Graduate School on ULC, on electronic theses and dissertations embargos for Creative Writing students, which would require the submission of a "request for exception" to the Graduate School. The Faculty Senate will review the final proposal.
- Discussion with Susan Foran, Interim Assistant Director for the Collection and Resource Management Division, on plans for soliciting input from the UWM community on the collection spending reduction for FY21.
- Discussed a student request for a prayer/meditation space in the Golda Meir Library. Doylen will ask the Libraries' Diversity Committee to assess the need.
- Reviewed the UWM Libraries mission and vision statements, and offered suggestions for revision.
- Supported the idea of a beginning-of-the-semester memo sent campus-wide, providing essential information about library services for faculty and instructional staff.
- At each meeting Associate Vice Provost and Director of Libraries Michael Doylen provided updates on priorities, initiatives, staffing, and the budget, including those below.

- Response in March to the closure of library buildings, due to the COVID-19 public health crisis, with increased communication to campus of the Libraries' uninterrupted digital resources and services, including an often-updated webpage dedicated to relevant information. The print collection was made available at first by scanning and delivering portions of books on demand, and then with contactless borrowing. Loan periods were extended as well. Planning began for the fall 2020 reopening of the UWM Libraries buildings in a hybrid environment.
 - Preparations for the FY21 budget, which will be \$7,277,319, a 6.7% reduction from FY20. The Libraries plan to maintain spending on the collection at 40% of the total budget, consistent with past years and with the Libraries' academic library peers.
 - Personnel news, including the following new permanent staff hires: Derek Webb as Head of Archives, Anna Grau Schmidt as the Music and Performing Arts Librarian, Marion Archer as the Acquisitions Librarian, and Karen Kleist as the Library Services Assistant (Washington County).
 - Reorganization of the American Geographical Society Library, Archives, and Special Collections within a new Division of Distinctive Collections.
 - Numerous public presentations, including the 50th Annual Morris Fromkin Memorial Lecture with Congresswoman Gwen Moore as the invited speaker.
 - Participation in Doors Open Milwaukee, with special hours and exhibits in our Distinctive Collections.
 - Awarded the 2020 Fromkin Research Grant and Lectureship to a team including Julie Ellis, Paru Shah, Sandra Underwood, and Lynne Woehrle.
 - Promotion of the Open Textbooks Project with CETL during International Open Access Week.
 - Digitization of several collections from the Archives including *Invictus*, the Black Student Union newspaper (1977-1995).
 - Launch of a new community borrowing program as a more efficient way to extend borrowing privileges to community members, replacing the Friends of the Library's program.
 - Award of a \$50,000 Mellon grant to support the use of digital collections as data for research project: "Collections as Data: Part to Whole."
 - Acquisition of a large slide collection by photojournalist and adventurer Loren McIntyre.
 - Continued administration of the UWM open access fund, allocating \$10,600 to UWM faculty and staff.
 - Continued support for international campus initiatives, including hosting visiting students from the National Taiwan Normal University.
- The committee thanked out-going members Julie Ellis, Elizabeth Jastrab, Erin Kaheny, and Jesse McLean for their service.

Respectfully submitted,

[Jesse McLean]