

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee  
University Libraries Committee  
December 11, 2020  
Teams Virtual Meeting

Attendance: Martha Carlin, Michael Doyley - UL Director, Anne Dressel - ULC Chair, Tom Holbrook, Su-yu Lin, Shama Mirza, Kathryn Olson, Paul Price, Jason Puskar, Cary Costello, Hilary Snow, and Conal McNamara

Excused: Lindsay McHenry

1. Anne Dressel called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2020 meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Chair's Report:

Dressel brought attention to the *UWM Report* article highlighting completion of the fundraising campaign for the Archives renovation. She also reminded committee members that the deadline for applications for the Morris Fromkin research grant and lectureship has been extended to Friday, January 8.

4. Director's Report:

The Libraries slightly reduced hours at all locations following Thanksgiving break and the transition to primarily virtual instruction. Hours for winter break and Winterim are posted. Spring semester hours will be finalized soon; they will be very similar to fall semester hours (pre-Thanksgiving break).

Doyley reported on decreases in gatecounts and circulation of physical materials at all library locations. Committee discussed reasons for decrease in circulation, including faculty emphasis on instruction over their own research. Faculty also noted that they are not requiring their students to make use of the physical collection this fall. ULC is optimistic that use of the library and its collections will return following the pandemic. In the meanwhile, they suggested further promotion of library building hours and on-site services in the Provost's Monday announcements.

Doyley provided an update on the title review project. Since the last committee meeting, the Libraries reached out to more than 20 academic departments and programs with information about the project and inviting them to participate. He also had a meeting a History Department faculty to address specific questions.

He updated the committee on repairs to the exterior façade of the Golda Meir Library and plans to design and construct group study rooms at the Waukesha campus library.

He announced that the 2021 UWM Authors event will be a prerecorded virtual event, date will be announced later in the new year.

Spring programming will include a virtual event with author Simon Winchester on his new book *Land: How the Hunger for Ownership Shaped the Modern World* on Thursday January 28th, 6:30pm.

The UWM Libraries recently joined the National Digital Stewardship Alliance, a consortium of 255 partnering organizations, including universities, professional associations, businesses, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations, all committed to the long-term preservation of digital information.

Doyle reported his involvement on campus outside of the Libraries. His work on the Researching Computing Steering Group continues. He has been asked to co-chair the new UWM Police Community Advisory Committee, which is charged with partnering with the UWM PD to establish the highest standards for police accountability and transparency at UWM. He is also co-authoring a chapter for the new history of UWM recently commissioned by the Chancellor to tell the story of diversity at UWM.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m. The Libraries will circulate a doodle poll in early January to schedule our first meeting of the spring semester.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Katrina Kozar