

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
University Libraries Committee
March 5, 2021
Teams Virtual Meeting

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

Excused: Hanyong Park

Guest: Tiffany Thornton, User Services Librarian

1. Anne Dressel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2021 meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Chair's Report:
Dressel reminded ULC to look on the Libraries' event page for upcoming programs, especially the UWM Authors event. Dressel expressed her continued gratitude to Director Doylen and the Libraries staff for their hard work.
4. Director's Report:

Libraries have opened recruitment for a permanent Assistant Director of Libraries for Collection & Resource Management. Leigh Dorsey, Assistant Director for Access Services, is the chair, and Lindsay McHenry is the faculty representative.

Libraries have applied for National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Preservation Planning Grant that will allow them to hire consultants and design a replacement for a failing HVAC system in the rare room. Planning grants are \$50,000 and approval would put the Libraries in a good position to request funding for an implementation grant of \$350,000.

Libraries have submitted proposals for Ed Tech funding. Proposals include funding requests for core research databases (\$47,400), the Film Platform Collection (\$21,500), and Digital Commons (\$41,400). The Libraries also submitted a joint proposal with CETL on OER initiatives (\$87,000).

Libraries have permanently closed the service desk on the second floor, east wing. While this desk is conveniently located near the Music Library and Curriculum Collection, it was the least used service desk in the main library. Only 10-12% of all library check-outs happened at this desk, and the total number of check-outs declined annually. The Libraries are taking steps to ensure continuity of services when the building reopens in the fall.

Doysten reported that repairs to a stairwell in the Golda Meir Library are completed. The repairs address long-term water incursion issues.

Doysten and Scott Silet, Assistant Director of Libraries for the College of General Studies, met with Campus Facilities and others regarding design of group study rooms at the Waukesha library. They are awaiting cost estimates.

The UWM Authors event will be virtual this year. It will be pre-recorded and include messages from the Chancellor and the Provost. The event will drop on Monday, March 29.

5. Doysten reported on the Libraries' budget allocation for FY22, which includes a 5.3% cut (\$476,932) and permission to use \$200,000 in carryforwards. The Libraries will be able to keep funding for the collection budget at FY21 levels (i.e., no cuts needed). The 101/131 collection is supplemented by funds from UW System, UWM Foundation, and other sources. The Libraries hope to make room in the budget to fill one or two vacant staff positions in FY22. This would require shifting funds from other areas of the budget. He will keep ULC informed.
6. Thornton joined ULC and led a discussion about the final draft of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategic Plan. ULC suggested a few minor suggestions and expressed their strong appreciation for the work of the planning group.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Katrina Kozar