

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
University Libraries Committee
October 14, 2021
Teams Virtual Meeting

Attendance: Carl Bogner, Maddie Brenner, Tathagato (TC) Chakraborty, Michael Doyley – Director of Libraries, Anne Dressel, Bonita Klein-Tasman, Elana Levine, Su-yu Lin, Conal McNamara, Shama Mirza, Paul Price, Amanda Seligman- ULC Chair, Jae Yung Song, Nicole Stelzner, and Erin Winkler

Excused: Lindsay McHenry

Guest: Aaron Dobbs, Interim Associate Director for Access Services

1. Amanda Seligman called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.
2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting on September 16, 2021:
It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2021 meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously with all members voting.
3. Introductions:
Seligman welcomed new committee members Carl Bogner, Maddie Brenner, Tathagato (TC) Chakraborty, and Conal McNamara
4. Chair's report:
Seligman stated that she met with Michael Doyley on Monday, October 4, to discuss future agenda topics and learn more about library priorities.
5. Director's Report:
Doyley discussed the status of FY23 budget planning for the Libraries. A 3.5% cut would be roughly \$256,000. The Libraries' 101/131 budget comes out of three areas: staff (50%), collections and resources (40%), and supplies and equipment (10%). Typically, the Libraries take spending reductions across all three areas equally. After multiple years of cuts, the Libraries has very little, if any, room to make additional cuts strategically. Cuts will have negative impacts on library services, collections, and staffing levels. Doyley will meet with the budget planning team on November 1. Campus is cautiously optimistic that cuts will be less than the preliminary 3.5% target. They will vary across S/C/D.

Doyley brought ULC's attention to the [Library Collections Enhancement Initiative](#) and asked for guidance about generating support for a similar initiative at UWM. Members suggested approaching the Graduate Faculty Committee and the Academic Staff Senate. Doyley will reach out to individuals at UW Madison for more information about their initiative.

Doylen welcomed Aaron Dobbs to ULC to discuss the possibility of extending renewal periods for faculty/staff/graduate students. Currently, materials checked out by these users are due at the end of the current semester and renewable for up to 2 calendar years provided no other patrons request the item for use. Some faculty, particularly those working in “book-heavy” disciplines, have requested the ability to renew items for up to 5 calendar years. The Libraries are willing to make this change, although it would put its local lending policy out of step with those of other UW libraries. ULC discussed. Although there was not strong support for the change, no one actively opposed it.

Doylen emphasized that this change will only affect UWM faculty/staff/grads who check out UWM-owned materials. It won't help UWM faculty who borrow materials from other UW libraries, or help faculty at other UWs who borrow UWM materials. He and Dobbs will consider next steps.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Katrina Kozar