

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
University Libraries Committee
November 11, 2021
Teams Virtual Meeting

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

Excused: Su-yu Lin

Guest: Tiffany Thornton, Outreach & Community Engagement Librarian

1. Amanda Seligman called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.
2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting on October 14, 2021:
It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2021 meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously with all members voting.
3. Chair's report:
Seligman reported on a meeting with Michael Doyle and Florence Hsia, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research in Arts & Humanities at UW Madison, to discuss the Library Collections Enhancement Initiative. The three met on November 2.
4. Director's Report:
Doyle reported on the November 2nd budget meeting with the Provost and the financial team. Campus has reduced the preliminary spending reduction target from 3.5% to 1.5% for schools/colleges/divisions. Units will receive their adjusted spending reduction by late January.

Doyle notified ULC of the following personnel changes:

- Kris Midthun (business librarian) retired effective November 1
- Nicole Bungert (student success librarian) resigned effective November 12
- Jan Donahou (librarian at the Washington County Library) resigned effective November 12

Searches for two library assistants will wrap up in late November or early December.

The Libraries have received permission to reopen the search for a library associate director for collection and resource management and to launch searches for a social sciences librarian and a student success librarian.

The Libraries have rehired Karen Kleist on a temporary contract to assist with coverage at the Washington County branch while the search to replace the librarian is conducted.

Programs since the last ULC meeting included:

- The UWM Steel Drum Band in October
- Community presentation of UWM's Latino Activision Oral History & Archives
- The 52nd Annual Morris Fromkin Memorial Lecture – Mapping Racism and Resistance in Milwaukee County: Struggles over Racism and Real Estate in the Urban North
- The Ettinger Book Artist Series with Melissa Wagner-Lawler

5. New Business

- a. The UWM Libraries' DEI Strategic Plan with Tiffany Thornton
Tiffany Thornton joined the meeting to provide a progress report on the Libraries' DEI Strategic Plan, which was finalized last spring. She focused on accomplishments related to staff recruitment and retention, as well as ensuring diversity in library collection policies and programming.

Thornton will join the committee at its December meeting to conclude the update report.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Katrina Kozar