

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
University Libraries Committee
December 16, 2021
Teams Virtual Meeting

Attendance: Tathagato (TC) Chakraborty, Michael Doylen – Director of Libraries, Anne Dressel, Bonita Klein-Tasman, Elana Levine, Su-yu Lin, Lindsay McHenry, Conal McNamara, Shama Mirza, Paul Price, Amanda Seligman- ULC Chair, and Erin Winkler

Excused: Carl Bogner, Maddie Brenner, Jae Yung Song, and Nicole Stelzner

Guest: Tiffany Thornton, Outreach & Community Engagement Librarian & Susan Foran, Interim Library Associate Director for Collection & Resource Management

1. Amanda Seligman called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.
2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting on November 11, 2021:
It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2021 meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously with all members voting.
3. Chair's report:
Seligman stated there was nothing to report.
4. Director's Report:
Libraries hired Zoi Doehrer as a library assistant III in AGSL. The UWM Libraries has hired a total of 6 position since August.

Libraries currently have 4 searches underway:

- library associate director in Collection and Resource Management
- social sciences librarian
- student success librarian
- librarian at Washington County

Doylen broached the possibility of using UWM Research Foundation funds to augment the Libraries' collection budget with the Provost. Unfortunately, funding is not available for this purpose.

Construction on the new Archives location on the 3rd floor, west wing has started. It is scheduled for completion in October.

Doylen announced the return of therapy dogs on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at the Golda Meir Library and Waukesha. Also, the Chancellor's study break is scheduled for Thursday, 12/16 from 9p to 10p.

During finals, the Golda Meir Library will open 24/5 to support students.

Doysten highlighted a “Faculty Picks for Winter Break Reading” on the Libraries’ website. It focuses on the creative writing faculty and what they are reading during the winter break.

The 2022 Fromkin grant application deadline has been extended to Friday, January 14, 2022.

New Business

- a. Libraries resumed its report on DEI initiatives to ULC (continued from the last meeting). Susan Foran joined the meeting to discuss a recent decision by the Library of Congress to replace the “illegal aliens” subject heading with the terms “noncitizens” and “illegal immigration.” She provided context for this action, which has a long history and included an unprecedented effort by Republican lawmakers in the House to block the LC from making the change in 2016. The change is proceeding and should be fully accomplished by the end of December.
 - b. Tiffany Thornton discussed activities related to the DEI goal of ensuring a radically welcoming and inclusive environment in the Libraries for all people.
5. The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Katrina Kozar