

University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
University Libraries Committee
November 17, 2022
Teams Virtual Meeting

Attendance: Viktorija Bilic, Cary Costello, Michael Doyle – Director of Libraries, Anne Dressel, Kristine Koyama, Su-yu Lin, Victoria Moerchen, Stuart Moulthrop – ULC Chair, Nicole Stelzner, Anne Widmayer, and Erin Winkler

Excused: Philip Chang, Dante Salto

1. Moulthrop called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.
2. Approval of the October 6, 2022 meeting minutes:
The minutes of the October 6, 2022 meeting were approved by automatic consent.
3. Chair's Report:
The committee sent a letter of support to the Provost and Vice Chancellor regarding the recent budget proposal. Introduction of the committee's newest member, Kristine Koyama, a fourth year doctoral student in the English department.
4. Director's Report
Doyle voiced his appreciation for the committee's letter of support and provided an update on the status of budget meetings. Units will receive their adjusted budgets by the end of January; Doyle will put this on the agenda for the February ULC meeting.

Doyle highlighted some of the events that are happening at the Golda Meir Library. The Fromkin Lecture featured Associate Professor Shevaun Watson from the English department. On November 17, the Libraries will celebrate the opening of the International Children's and Young Adult Literature Collection with the opportunity to meet Brazilian children's book illustrator, Roger Mello. And on December 1, City of Milwaukee Poet Laureate and UWM Adjunct Associate Professor Emerita Susan Firer will give a talk about her collection of papers and how they speak to her work, her career, and the larger community.

Doyle updated the committee about new hires since the last meeting and current searches for a variety of positions.

Doyle shared an update on the renovation of the Archives Department and plans for the Graduate Student Commons. He noted that the Libraries has changed its policy regarding reservations of study carrels by graduate students; these individuals no longer need faculty support in order to reserve a carrel.

Doyle discussed the success of the OER pilot and how Psychology 101 was recognized for recently achieving a significant milestone. Since 2016, the project has impacted 12,000 students and saved over \$2 million in estimated textbook costs. It's also been

estimated that the project has saved over \$3.5 million in textbook costs across all disciplines. An option to openly accessible textbooks is Inclusive Access agreements with commercial publishers which ensures that students have access to course materials on the first day of class, but also charges students a course materials fees. Lastly, the Libraries is considering opportunities to increase student access to commercial e-textbooks through one-time purchase or licensing. Doynen noted limitations on what is possible as publishers sometimes refuse to license e-textbooks to libraries or decline to offer multi-user agreements.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Smith