

University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
University Libraries Committee
September 20, 2023
Teams Virtual Meeting

Attendance: Razia Azen, Michael Doylen – Director of Libraries, Kristine Koyama, Maura Lucking, Robin Mello – ULC Chair, Stuart Moulthrop, Amanda Seligman, Nicole Stelzner, Nicole Welk-Joerger, and Anne Widmayer

Excused: Philip Chang, Victoria Moerchen, and Erin Winkler

Guest: Chris Doll

1. Moulthrop called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. and invited the new members to introduce themselves.
2. New Business
 - a. Election of chair for 2023-2024:
ULC elected Robin Mello as the University Libraries Committee Chair for 2023-2024.
 - b. Approval of the April 25, 2023 meeting minutes:
The minutes of the April 25, 2023 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
 - c. Review of annual report for 2022-2023 submitted to Secretary of the University:
ULC discussed the annual report that was submitted to the Secretary of the University.
 - d. 2023-2024 meeting modality and schedule:
ULC agreed to continue meeting on Teams for the 2023-2024 academic year. They also agreed to meet on the third Wednesday of the month from 11:00 a.m. to noon for the fall semester.

3. Director's Report

Doylen provided highlights from the start of the fall semester. Gate counts across all three libraries have increased since last year. The Libraries held many student welcome activities that included campus partners such as the Student Health Center and the UWM PD.

Doylen explained how the libraries continue to focus on ways to support students. GML and the Waukesha Library have made improvements to their group study rooms by installing wall-mounted monitors and wireless screen sharing software. (Similar improvements were made at the Washington County Library last year.) The Libraries support student success through the Open Educational Resources (OER) Project and the electronic Course Adopted Texts (eCATs) pilot. The OER Project is a collaboration

between CETL and the UWM Libraries (under the leadership of Kristin Woodward) to assist instructors in adopting low or no-cost materials in their classes. Chris Doll, library associate director for Collection and Resource Management, explained that by working with the bookstore, they have identified unlimited use eCATs that have been purchased by the Libraries. Their efforts have already impacted 15% of all classes at a cost of \$17,000. A healthy discussion was had about the pilot and the best ways to promote the project.

Doylen reported on the renovation projects that are happening at or planned for GML. He announced the Archives Open House scheduled for that afternoon. The Archives' previous location (W250) will be renovated as a Graduate Student Commons. Also, the Roosevelt Room (W301) will be renovated with a very generous donation from Sheldon and Marianne Lubar.

Doylen gave an update on recent hires since the last meeting. Will White is the health sciences librarian, Kierra Holst is the business librarian, and Olivia Hickner is the library assistant in the American Geographical Society Library. One vacancy is being held until there is more information about the 2024-2025 budget.

Doylen briefly shared the status of FY25 budget planning. The Libraries has received a 3.5% spending reduction target. This is equivalent to \$250,000. The Libraries will receive an adjusted budget following the usual budget process that will take place in the coming months. Doylen will share more information at the next ULC meeting.

Doylen welcomed suggested topics for future meetings.

4. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Smith