

University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
University Libraries Committee
November 15, 2023
Teams Virtual Meeting

Attendance: Adam Andrews, Razia Azen, Michael Doylen – Director of Libraries, Kristine Koyama, Maura Lucking, Robin Mello – Chair, Stuart Moulthrop, Amanda Seligman, Nicole Stelzner, Anne Widmayer, and Erin Winkler

Excused: Philip Chang and Victoria Moerchen

Guest: Kristin Woodward

1. Mello called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.
2. Approval of the October 18, 2023 meeting minutes:
The minutes of the October 18, 2023 meeting were approved with one abstention.
3. Chair's report
Mello thanked Moulthrop for chairing the October meeting and drafting the letter of support.

Mello announced that Maura Lucking has accepted a research position next semester and will not be able to serve on the committee this spring.

Mello reminded the committee about avoiding the creation of a walking quorum when using email to edit a document. A discussion followed with some suggestions on ways to proceed in the future. Mello will seek clarification on proper procedures to handle these situations.

Mello noted that as a department liaison, she received an email from her library contact reminding her about the eCAT program. She encouraged other liaisons to share this information with their colleagues. Doylen added that if faculty are not receiving this information, to bring it up at a departmental meeting or other appropriate channel.

Mello led a brief discussion about the Spring meeting schedule.

Mello welcomed Adam Andrews, the Assessment Coordinator in Academic Affairs (replacing Nicole Welk-Joerger).

4. Director's report
Doylen represented the Libraries at the campus FY25 budget planning meeting on November 1. Leadership complemented the Libraries on its past financial performance. The Libraries will receive their final, adjusted budget in late January 2024. Doylen thanked the committee for the letter of support.

On November 2, Doyley attended the Chancellor's and Provost's meeting with faculty and staff at the UWM at Washington County campus, joining the two library employees, Julia Lee and Lyndsey Agar. The Libraries continue to wait for more direction from administration before developing a plan.

Doyley described the curricular innovation occurring at the UWM at Waukesha County campus and its impact on library services, such as course-integrated library instruction and research consultations.

The Libraries have entered into a read and publish agreement with the Royal Society of Chemistry. This agreement will allow faculty to publish unlimited open access articles by covering the processing charges.

Two new resources are available at the Libraries – Mango Languages and Visible Body.

Doyley invited the committee to spread the word about the Fromkin Research Grant and Lecture. For 2024, the Libraries is especially interested in proposals on environmental justice, immigration, gender equity, LGBTQ+ rights, or indigeneity. Applications are due January 12, 2024.

AGSL is collaborating with the Leventhal Maps Center at the Boston Public Library to develop an open-source platform for georeferencing maps from their digital collections. The project is funded by a \$350,000 NEH grant.

5. UW System OER Initiative

Kristin Woodward, GML User Services, Teaching and Learning Team Lead, presented on UWM textbook affordability and UW System OER Initiative. Since 2016, open textbooks have impacted over 35,000 students and realized almost \$4.2 million in savings. In the past year, 28 faculty and staff completed open textbooks & OER Canvas training. Additionally, 92 classes/sections in the Schedule of Classes noted “no/low cost materials” in the filter. KW is a member of a five-person team organized by System that is participating in the AAC&U Institute on Open Educational Resources. The team is working on an action plan that they developed on behalf of UW System and the UW Campuses.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Smith