# University Library Committee Meeting Minutes 11/14/16

## Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m.  
  
Members present: A. Butler, S. Colenso, T. Keenan, A. Klene, S. Gordon, G. Morell, M. Snow, T. Ward, K. Zoellner  
Ex-officio member present: S. Zhang  
Members absent/excused: K. Brayko, S. Pelletier, M. Semanoff, K. Younggren

#### Minutes from last meeting:

The minutes from 10/10/16 were amended and approved.

Communications**:**

* Dean Zhang provided several Library updates:

Partnering for student success

* The library’s new system implementation is progressing. The expected go-live date is December 16th. The new record will not be added to the current system to avoid duplicate work. The library is preparing a campus-wide message to inform the UM community about the ongoing changes and what can be expected with the new system spring semester 2017. The end user will likely not see a significant difference.
* This year, the library funded five Student-Centered Innovative Projects from library faculty and staff. This is the fourth cohort of the Program. Everybody at the library is encouraged to think innovative ways of serving UM students through these projects. Committee members were provided with a handout describing the approved projects.
  + Barry Brown, Citation Analysis of UM Graduate Student Theses and Dissertations: A Window into Collection Use by Researchers
  + Hanna Soukup, Second Mapping Oral Histories of Montana: Increasing Access to the Archives’ Oral History Collections.
  + Bon Phillips, Implementation of Solid State Drives into student computers at the Mansfield Library
  + Jaci Wilkinson and Adrienne Alger, Snapchat Stories in the Library with Spectacles
  + Adrienne Alger and Jaci Wilkinson, Student Understanding of Library Jargon.
* Susanne Caro, Government Document Librarian, received praise in a message from the U.S. Government Printing Office for her work as Government Documents Librarian. The Mansfield Library is the regional deposit library for U.S. government documents.
* The library is offering the following workshops in November 2016:
  + Literature Review Workshop
  + Jumpstart Your Research
  + Mansfield Library Technology
  + Get Your Research Under Control with Refworks
  + Foundation Center Online

Education for the global century

* The library is hosting a new exhibit, Erin’s Exiled Children, on Level 3. This exhibit looks at the relationship between the Irish in Montana and in Ireland as it pertains to the Easter Uprising of 1916. The exhibit was produced in honor of the centennial of that event this year. The exhibit was developed at the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives with assistance from Irish Studies at UM. It will be in the library through the end of the semester and then will tour the state, stopping at public, academic, and tribal libraries.
* The images of 168 of the approximately 700 artifacts, part of the Mike Mansfield collection, are online now, at <http://scholarworks.umt.edu/mansfieldartifacts/> These artifacts range in size, shape, material, date of creation and country of origin. The library staff hope that by putting these images online, more people will learn about the objects and will be interested in researching them or just coming to see them.
* In honor of Archives Month this year, Archives and Special Collections (A&SC) hosted four 20IN20 tours. Each twenty-minute tour featured twenty fantastic items from the A&SC collections. Included were the 1561 edition of The Works of Geffrey Chaucer, an original UM freshman beanie, rare Edward Curtis photogravures, and a letter from President Lyndon Johnson to Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield. The tours were attended by campus staff, faculty, students and administrators, as well as by members of the public.
* Dean Zhang assisted Missoula College Dean, Shannon O’Brien in her recent trip to the Chengdu City in China. A series of productive meetings were held with the company which donated funds to Missoula College and which expressed interests in hosting UM students for internship and potential student recruitment from that province.

Discovery and creativity to serve Montana and the World

* Michele Robinson, a Delta Delta Delta member gave the Library a special copy of the *Tributes to Mike Mansfield* during the UM Homecoming week. Her husband, Don Robinson,worked for Senator Mansfield. When Mike Mansfield retired from the U.S. Senate in 1976, his colleagues praised his leadership and integrity through the Senate Document No. 94-270, *Tributes to the Honorable Mike Mansfield of Montana in the United States Senate.* The copy has been placed in Archives and Special Collections.

## Business Items:

* Professor Brown attended Morning Coffee with the Cabinet as a guest of ECOS on October 11th. The purpose of the Morning Coffee is for ECOS to bring items to the attention of the Cabinet and ask questions to keep lines of communication open. The Cabinet is now aware of the University Library Committee’s concern regarding the reduction to the collection. However, given the budget situation and the administration’s efforts to preserve faculty and staff positions, there is not much the Senate can do.

Professor Brown is working to renegotiate the Web of Science contract. Two Regents professors wrote to the President when this resource was proposed for possible elimination. The library requested Vice President Whittenburg to provide $150,000/yr help with the subscription. The Research Office might be able to contribute $30,000-50,000/yr but likely not until July 1st.

Professor Zoellner looked into the accreditation information gathered for the College of Education & Human Sciences review.  The NCATE standard related to library collections states the following target: “Faculty and candidates have access to exemplary library, curricular, and electronic information resources that serve not only the unit but also a broader constituency.” Chemistry’s accrediting agency standards state that “An approved program must provide immediate institutional access to no fewer than 14 current and archival, peer-reviewed journals whose subject matter spans the chemical sciences.” And “Students must have access to technical databases and other resources that enable development of skills in searching the literature, including structure-based searching, and support research and instructional activities.” The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities includes the following standard related to library collections: “Consistent with its mission and core themes, the institution holds or provides access to library and information resources with an appropriate level of currency, depth, and breadth to support the institution’s mission, core themes, programs, and services, wherever offered and however delivered.” Accreditation requirements do not seem like a feasible argument for advocacy given many provide some leeway and do not clearly define appropriate levels.

Dean Zhang has requested funding for two positions to staff the late night hours. Interim Provost Edmond asked for a comparison of staffing levels at other academic libraries.

The library currently does not have a foundation development officer. There is a limit to what donors are willing to fund. They prefer to invest, not backfill for operation budget cut. The Library was fortunate to receive a donation for the Learning Commons that was the result of the sale of the Delta Delta house.

The research angle seems to be the only one with any hope. The reduced collection can compromise research productivity. National funding agencies will not fund grants if the university’s infrastructure isn’t adequate. Chair Snow and Professor Klene will draft a letter asking Regents Professors to advocate for the library. Given the research dollars coming to the University, there should be a percentage of IDC’s that come to the library. Any analysis that quantifies the return on investment would be helpful.   
  
The Committees operating procedures were last reviewed in 2011. Professor Zoellner, Chair Snow and Camie will meet to update them. A draft should be available for the December meeting.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.