

University Library Committee Meeting Minutes, 3/11/19

Call to Order

Members present: H. Curtis, A. Klene, V. Hedquist, P. Gardner K. Granath, D. McCrea, Z. Nelson, T. Shearer, T. Ward

Members absent/excused: S. Shen

Ex-Officio present: Interim Dean Barry Brown

- The minutes from 1/14/19 were approved.

Communications:

- Interim Dean Brown provided several updates. The February 12th meeting was canceled due to a broken pipe in the Library. It was located on the fifth floor close to the restrooms. It was discovered on Saturday, February 9th by Facility Services when an alarm went off at 4:30 a.m. Facility Services was on site quickly and covered the stacks, and called a restoration company, and then the Library administration. The Library had a disaster plan set up with a contact list. Professor Donna McCrea arrived around 7:30 a.m and Dean Brown around 9 a.m. A lot of things got wet, but there was minimal damage to the collections. The Mansfield Center had ceiling tiles come down. So the Library was closed for remediation and testing because of the recent Asbestos concerns. The main service desk and some carpet on the main floor will be replaced through the insurance adjustment process. Additional repairs are needed in the 5th floor restrooms. Library circulation staff helped move books off some stacks on the 5th floor so the carpet could dry more thoroughly. A reference chat service was available for students for assistance when the library was closed.

The Library offered to help provide space for Media Arts Faculty and Students, but the administration found alternative locations. An Electronic File Management IT Short course will be taught in April and May by Professor Erin Baucum. The Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education hired an Open Educational Resources (OER) Coordinator to facilitate efforts across the system with a focus on the smaller campuses. UM is offering grants to incentivize faculty to use or develop OER materials for their courses. Endangered data week was February 25th – March 1st. The Library co-sponsored a panel discussion on February 27th on Endangered Languages as Endangered Data. Panelists included Linguistics Professors Leora Bar-el and Mizuki Miyashita and Library Associate Professor Tammy Ravas. Approximate 30 people attended. The State Publications Librarian from MSU postponed his talk due to the Blizzard. Professor Baucum, Digital Archivist also gave a talk on How to Prevent Endangering Your Data.

Library student workers attended sexual harassment training. Professors Erin Baucum and Donna McCrea will be traveling to China to give a presentation at Beijing Normal University. The Library is recruiting for a Government Information Librarian and an Online Learning Librarian/Instructor Coordinator

Interim Dean Brown will be meeting with librarians soon to talk about collections and potential end of year purchases. He may make a request to the Provost and Research VP for one-time- only purchases. Gale mapped UM courses to their 19th Century Collections Online. It may be possible to purchase pieces of the collection. The library tries to balance research needs of well used expensive collections in the Sciences with lesser used but important for primary source collections in the Humanities. Interim Dean Brown has heard from African American Studies and Native American Studies regarding preferred collections. He has also received a request for data sets that use specialized software (WRDS).

- Professor Kim Granath provided an update on the possibility of relocating Missoula College Library so the current space can be used for Child Care Services for campus. Floor Plans of Missoula College were viewed so committee members could see the configuration of the space. The alternative location in the Missoula College would require significant remodeling/renovations. The VP of Operations and Finance indicated the Missoula College location was one of the best options, however other locations are being considered. The administration does not yet have cost estimates of the options. Listening sessions are scheduled later this week. There are numerous requirements for daycares, one is the facility must be on the ground floor. The administration hopes to relocate the children by May 2nd. The move of the library would be very disruptive to Missoula college students.

ASUM already sponsored two listening sessions. The comments were not in favor of moving the library. Ideally, the Library would like to keep its current location. The Missoula College library has two staff members. A future priority is to fill the librarian position. The Committee asked whether it should draft a resolution. It suggested that the Library provide data on how many students use the facility to the Provost.

Business

- The Next meeting is April 8th. The draft annual report will be distributed prior to the meeting for edits.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.