

Minutes for UCL Meeting April 7 2023

Members in attendance: Sabrina Curley, Lynn Wolf, Daryl Thompson, Sharon Leon, Susan K Kendall, Cara Stroud, Terri Miller, Winson Peng, Waseem El-Rayes, Shiyong Ding, Susan Ewart, Carin Graves, John M Fitzsimmons, Jake White, Carmen Bueche, Paul John Kurf, Iiweim, Jeffery Nanzer, Megan Kara Halpern

(19 members total on Zoom)

Meeting called to order by Daryl Thompson at 11:02am

No objections to the January minutes

Discussion of UCL transition to standing committee – will affect member elections/positions terms

- UCL has transitioned to a standing committee. This entails faculty members to serve 3 years (instead of 2 years when UCL was not a standing committee). Student representative are still held at 1 year positions
- The UCL chair is put on the steering committee for university (which handles setting the agenda for faculty senate and university council) This steering committee has approx. 20 members. Allows for having a greater voice in determining university direction. UCL chair automatically part of faculty senate and university council as well.
- In the previous year and half of UCL functions, previous chair had initiated motions to turn UCL into a standing committee.
- Interpretation of what this means for current committee members and terms – current faculty members finish would finish their current 2 years, then have next people who join have 3 years on the committee.
- Recommended to check with the secretary for academic governance to go over applicable rules.
- Questions on procedure – whether or not current faculty who signed up for 2 year position now obligated to fulfill 3 year sitting period?
- Some current members knew they were signing up for 3 years, others only knew of 2 years. Expectations are unclear; will have to figure out. Noted as could be unfair to have other colleagues not have opportunity to cycle in.
- Further decisions will depend on conversations held with secretary of academic governance.
- Have copy of bylaws to examine as source of potential information/guidance
- Elections: bylaw indicate should have spring elections after new committee members have been chosen. Latest date possible is first meeting in the fall. Want to avoid last minute rush of assigning positions. Not all members know if they are on 2 year or 3 year term, which would complicate nominations/elections before fall meetings
- Voting early could have issue by having a smaller pool of candidates, new committee is “stuck with” people previously elected. Possible to meet in person vs zoom for discussion of suitability for positions.
- Will have a new dean in the fall (hopefully). Would be a good time to reset. Possible to plan a pre-fall meeting, perhaps lunch with new dean, to establish positions and expectations before first official fall meeting.

- Perspective of current member involved heavily in academic governance: very common to elect positions in the fall for leadership and not in the spring.
- Suggested to encourage people knowing they will be on committee next term to think about possibility serving on the committee as an elected role. Allow time to think and fully prepare.
- Daryl Thompson officially encourages members to think about serving on committee elected position.

Terri Miller for updates on construction projects affecting the libraries.

- Currently Starbucks is moving to the library. Wells hall Starbucks will be closing. More space available for the business to work in. Sparty's in library to close on May 5th; May 15th to start the transition to Starbucks. Should be finished by time of fall semester. Will have construction noise over summer period
- Center for teaching and learning/office faculty and staff development - on target to have construction in July/August with a mid-August opening. Held on 2nd floor of library. Will allow for spaces to meet in main library. Closing of Berkey and Union have shown need for flexible space on north campus. Center for leaning teaching no longer under library domain – under provost
- Renovations of 3rd floor east wing – moving collections out of the basements. Very expensive project with many hurdles. June 14th for board approval. Potential construction start in July. Projected to be very disruptive for 3rd and 4th floors of library. Possibility of closing 4th floor – people in offices on those levels already having to be moved. Will have to move to paging system for document retrieval. HVAC and leak issues on 4th floor being addressed as a ~ 2.3 million dollar project. Still having to account for supply chain issues. Closing of library for several days if needing a crane to get objects to the roof. Might not be until December until get all equipment. Literature and education collections currently on 4th floor. Still deciding how to manage servicing of the library to the public campus during this time.
- Have draft playbook from Brightspot company - library executive committee will view, then can be sent to UCL committee members. Pulls together survey research, focus group data, contact info. Much data collected on how spaces are being used. Total of 80 pages with executive summary. Want to make certain library spaces are current. Flexibility to tackle smaller project as well as options to consider broad modifications. Improving workspaces for staff in the library. Can spaces be improved to ensure lighting is better, ergonomics, etc. Addressing workspace needs. Additionally discusses all partnerships (writing center, CAPS, etc.) - not many people know about them, difficult to find in 3rd floor west wing. North plaza space has no accessible entrance – has long been priority to change that. Has a large elevation terrain that has to be addressed to make more accessible. Option to hold programming to pull in museum, Beal garden, and school of music. Addresses the sometimes leaky fountain. Have significant navigation issue in library. 1st floor and basement only way to get between west and east wings of library on upper floors. Very expensive to put glass atrium between the two wings (sky walk), but a bold aspiration. Would solve navigation issues. Possible as a pitch to donors who could put name on the library.
- Important to note things in playbook hadn't been officially approved but still are relevant. Have several grants in the works that would affect what things could be accomplished, short term vs

long term. Planning document based on feedback for human needs, focus on services and space. Very collaborative process between company and MSU members. Document will be sent end of next week to UCL members.

Terri Miller for updates on New library catalog interface.

- View find developed in house. Looking for feedback from and UCL members. Feedback: college of music to have opportunity to browse by format e.g. musical score. New music librarian started had joined in February. Would be a useful filter to have for members of that college. Feedback from languages linguistics and cultures. Faculty and grad students have given positive feedback on new system working very well. So much better than what previously working. Liaison librarians and programmers worked closely to develop interface. Renewal function also working much better now. Huge improvement and a wonderful tool

Lynn Wolf and Sabrina Curley for Dean search update

- Some things are still confidential in the interview process. Can say numbers reviewed: 24 initial submissions, interviewed 13, sent 8 forward for referencing by search firm. Will next make suggestions for in-person visits. Last week of semester for visit to be held. Doing a matrix/rubric based approach to not be as personal; rubric categories based on what categories will look for in the role.

Susan Kendall updates on publishing agreements

- Recently signed read and publish Oxford university press and BMJ. Faculty excited about these agreements. Can send information out to UCL members. Reducing barriers to publishing.

Last meeting of the year

Meeting closed Daryl Thompson at 12:01pm