

MSU University Library Committee

AGENDA

12/7/2023 11:00-12:00

Codes: (P) Present (A) Absent (R) Regrets (TL) Chair/Leader (REC) Secretary

Members					
Neil Romansky	P	Yasumasa Komori	A	Joshua Sanchez	A
Jackie Iseler (Chair)	A	Weiming Li	A	Mary Schueller	A
Sabrina Curley (Secretary)	P	Sydney Logsdon	A	Ryan Shaw	P
Emilia Breuning	A	Sid Mane	A	Jacob White	A
Janine Certo	A	William McCarthy	P	Lynn Wolff	P
Shiyong Ding	P	Todd Moyerbrailean	P		
Tina Fawaz	A	Jeffery Nanzer	P	Laura Whalesby - Guest	P
Lisa Fine	P	Kathleen Oberst	P		
Timothy Innes	P	Annette O'Connor	P	Tiffany Wahl	P
Susan Kendall	P	Isaac Record	P		

Meeting called to order- Neil Romanosky

Time: 11:04

Approval of Agenda:	Moved: McCarthy	Second: Neil	In Favor: All	Opposed: None	Abstain: None
Approval of Minutes:	Moved: Sabrina Curley	Second: Lynn Wolff	In Favor: All	Opposed: None	Abstain: None

1. Dean Update: (10 minutes)

- Recently finalized gifts:
- Culinary collection fund via the Brass sisters (sp?), chefs and cooks who had PBS show and cookbooks. Excellent gift of materials from collections plus additional support for expansion.
- Eric King (sp?) – donation of several large folios of posters and playbills from 1960s Detroit psychedelic rock scene
- Thinking of topics for meetings – Library director of development Caitlyn Perry. Been here for ~2 years. Done excellent job with her team in reframing collections and donors. Could invite her to speak in the spring semester next year

2. Libraries Liaison and Entrepreneurship Services presentation: Laura Walesby – Interim Assistant Dean (20 minutes)

- Some initial technical difficulty in sharing via Teams. (This type of presentation sharing difficulty happened at last meeting with a different speaker as well with Teams platform).
- Demystifying Academic Libraries: Work of Liaison Librarians.
- Have quite a few liaisons who are part of the teaching division of the library. Have 6 subunits based on broad disciplines of the university.
- Subject specialist rephrased as liaison to emphasize communication and connection and relationship building. Includes outreach marketing, reference research support, collection development, and others. Want liaisons to be familiar with the literature of their particular assignment.
- When presenting to business departments, mentioned should change the “librarian” moniker, since it often is still associated with transactional past role of librarian position.

- Have list on website of all subject librarians. Organized by subject/discipline. Have between 40-44 people involved as library liaison. Have a team available that can be helpful for interdisciplinary questions. Relevant in helping to get people brought up to speed if they are expanding scope into a different discipline.
- Entrepreneurship. Terence O'Neill – not discipline specific, more interdisciplinary across colleges and departments. Role created as a very new type of position. Teaches entrepreneurship across range of disciplines (music, technology, science, business, etc.). In addition to teaching, also does consultations to check ideas against reality to check viability of ideas. Supports grad students planning on launching a company/product who don't have extensive background in business/not business savvy. Campus partnerships and outreach and involved with MSU innovation center. Librarian scholarship requirement. Currently investigating entrepreneurship information-seeking behavior using secondary sources to see if it is being implemented.

Neil: Wanted to invite Laura to talk on this topic to highlight evolution of librarian position with the shift from previous outwards-facing role to more broad, functional roles Still need both areas with subject expertise and outreach across disciplines.

Timothy: At law school conducted 40 question survey of all BIG10 law schools and 10 other institutions within the same law school ranking. Examined law school policy pertaining to liaison services relative to faculty and reached out to directors. Results has 85% participation and was able to compare MSU policy relative to these other institutions. Offered to share report to anyone who is interested; currently writing article on the findings of this survey.

Laura: Asked to see who in attendance knew who their liaison contact is.

Lynn: Shout out to Arts and Letters/ Humanities subject liaison. Interested in how areas of specialization have broadened out over time. Move away from specific topics to more collective areas/disciplines.

Laura: Have ~5-10 people under each broad grouping of liaison topics. A bit understaffed at the moment, otherwise would have more coverage. Moving from bibliographer to liaison, part of the big switch.

Susan: Addition to the above. A bit understaffed but hoping to hire more people for more coverage of areas. Currently have people covering topics in the interim. Only have so many librarians – trying to make it so one librarian has 10 people vs another having 2000. If an area only has a few faculty at MSU vs many members, can determine how many librarians are needed on a topic/area to manage the workload of these individuals.

Neil: Addition to the addition to the above. Want good coverage across academic programs. Some tend to utilize library sciences more than others. Nursing is very high use library userbase, often large as well. Other disciplines might not be as commonly used or may use library services often but not necessarily liaison services. Wanting to make best use of resources available to the libraries. Welcomes feedback from members about library liaisons.

Laura: Want to align with emerging initiatives and university policy. Need for more liaisons to work together, reducing silos. As research becomes more interdisciplinary, so must library liaisons.

3. Round Robin: All (30 minutes)

Neil: Going to open invite for sharing instead of calling out each member by names

Sabrina: Shared to Council of Graduate Students information covered in last meeting about Open access publishing through the libraries.

Isaac: excited about launce of CIRCLE – replacement/improvement of center for interdisciplinary. Explicitly includes teaching and learning as an initiative. Not just restricted to research.

Timothy: Excited about library sponsoring Feb 6th event, working with James Madison college and office of inclusion. Bringing 2 scholars who wrote Justice deferred race in supreme court. One is historian and another is civil rights attorney. Tying in with Project 60-70, 60th anniversary of civil rights and the 70th anniversary of Brown vs Board of Education.

Laura: Night of 1000 donuts was last night. Very well attended. Also had therapy dogs present.

Timothy: Thinks name of the Night of 1000 Donuts is a great name.

Neil: Great to know the committee members this semester and best wishes for the next year.

Motion to adjourn: Time: 11:48	Moved: Isaac Record	Second: Lynn Wolff	In Favor: All	Opposed: None	Abstain: None
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