Minutes for UCL Meeting September 28 2023

Members in attendance: Sabrina Curley, Janine Certo, Shiyou Ding, Lisa Fine, Jackeline Iseler, Susan Kendall, Weiming Li, Sid Mane, William McCarthy, Terri Miller, Todd Moyerbrailean, Annette O'Conner, Ketheleen Obserst, Issac Record, Neil Romanosky, Ryan Shaw, Jacob White, Lynn Wolff

(18 members total on Teams)

Meeting called to order by Neil Romanosky at 10:02am

Introduction about committee from Neil Romanosky. We are now officially a standing committee

No chair or secretary yet. Sabrina Curley acting as secretary recording minutes for today's meeting from having had the position the previous year.

Agenda for today's meeting: no changes/objections. Approved

Minutes from April 7th meeting. Objections or corrections – correct spelling of name Lynn Wolff. Approved.

Introductions of members stating affiliation with MSU

Initial Tasks

- Elect chair and secretary for this committee. Both positions serve 1 year terms. Per policy on academic governance, chair is on university council, preparing report at end of each semester, with formal report filed in August. Secretary doesn't have concrete definition from governance, but Sabrina Curley gave summary of position from past year. Neil plans to shape agendas and give content information as needed by meeting with chair. No questions received from members.
- Taking nominations for chair and secretary.
- Sabrina Curley self-nominated for secretary
- Jackeline Iseler self-nominated for chair.
- No others nominated. Neil will send out a note to the committee for vote via email as not all members are present at this meeting

Issac Record joined meeting.

Introduction on Dean position and self from Neil. Started MSU position September 11. No questions asked from members

Neil Romanosky:

- There are evolutions in library space and the directions to take. Space paradigms have been undergoing large shifts recently. Libraries no longer have the singular main function of housing collections and physical books. Wanting now to prioritize people, connections, and programs as well.

Terri Miller gives updates on Brightspot space recommendations:

- Have the brightspot final playbook report sent with this meeting's agenda. Has presentation slides as accompaniment. Strategic planning. 65 pages summarized in presentation. Overview of process August 2022 March 2023. Multiple types of engagement to get feedback from wide audience. Discussion of spaces and services. Details of project participants – engage all of campus in the conversation. More than 3000 responses, multiple focus groups, face to face discussions. Deliverables and goals – get playbook of initiates to chart the path forward. Generate small and big ideas for bringing the library to 2030 and aligning with strategic goals. Want library as intellectual heart of campus, student success, more partnerships and connections, wanting safe and secure management of library collections.
- (8 broad initiatives)
  - Activate north plaza. Libraries are a strong pillar of the campus art strategy. Smith group has ideas to reimagine north plaza. North entrance is not accessible – want to correct this. Want to engage with natural partners such as the gardens and college of music and the museum. Idea of outdoor classrooms and their feasibility. Public performances to engage community with the arts. Controversially, want to get rid of the fountains outside the library.
  - Reimagine entrances. East wing and west wing were build about 10 to 15 years apart. Idea to have crossing skywalk paths to unite the two. Students find navigation difficult. Can't get to 3rd east from 3rd west. Have to go downstairs, then go across, then ascend. Don't have much space for programming on the first floor. Grand goal of a glass atrium to improving north campus. Compare and contrast with current version of the library entrance. Not particularly inspiring. Brough up highlighting the Chavez collection detailing protests from the 90s as inspiring history.
  - Connect new media and learning. Doing lots of cool things but they are all dispersed across library space. Better idea to have all additional things in one place (digital resources, VR, maker space etc.). Digital scholarship 3D room, maker space for crafts and 3D printing, and gaming room have been difficult to find by students. Very big challenge to address things with current architecture of library. Ideas to expand the maker space and combine these various areas. Last 5 years have much growth in maker space.
  - Centralize students, partners, and community services. People don't know about all services because of how spread out they are across the library. Want to bring things to 1st and 2nd floor, with upper flowers as office spaces, study spaces. 1st floor study area is often very loud. Idea to have student success area by uniting writing rooms and tutoring spaces. Have CAPS and counseling services brought back as well to library. Want these spaces to also be flexible as needs change.
  - Expand multipurpose flexible spaces. Want to enable more collaboration. Have successfully done this in flex space in digital space, but currently overrun by requests. Have had to prioritize meetings with emphasis more on teaching and learning of digital scholarship, very popular space.
  - Improve staff spaces and workflows. Have current pictures of workspaces that show the need to update. Want to discuss with employees, not just ergonomic but also environmental, and have a holistic approach to making the space better. Have conducted a deep dive in workplace theory
  - Integrate / vacate satellite locations Remote storage, CONRAD, basements, and spaces under libraries are outshoot locations. Want to know where to leave and where to

consolidate. HVAC issues that drive this discussion for preserving collections. Can give back spaces not suited for libraries back to MSU. MSU press is a new addition to the library umbrella

- Implement enjoyable safe and secure collections strategy. Have mechanical engineers and HVAC to investigate spaces. Reviewed spaces and made recommendations for updates and the like. Condition of remote storage bound to be more important with broader Big 10 initiatives. Want to have space for growth with collections.

Questions: Issac. Why the focus on centralizing and bringing things to one location? Have some issues with being 20 minutes away from central library depending on the MSU department one is located in.

Terri: Neighborhood concepts exist with the library being active in external locations. Currently in 2 neighborhoods. centralized expertise with things like makerspace. Have outlets in basement McDonnel campus archeology also DECS lab in engineering. Various satellite makerspaces. Don't always have space or expertise to support the programs. Has been slow process of even reopening main library, let alone the neighborhood locations.

Susan: Addition to above. About 85% collection budget on electronic resources at the moment. Various satellites in the past had closed when identified people primarily using library online. Library space has other uses as well with time. Want to know how collection strategy meshes with building strategy

Terri: (back on presentation)

- How to phase these ideas into reality. Have existing resources to begin making small changes. As get funding from external sources can go to larger scale projects. Space needs and strategies – be conscious on how to approach these topics. Identify strengths and needs of the library. Have recommendations from brightspot – how currently used and how to change things, about increasing or decreasing spacing needs. Also have breakdown of spacing suggestions by each floor of library.

Shifting the paradigm of thinking about the library as only the physical space. Also want to bring to light collaboration and overall broad spaces.

Continuing to install the new Starbucks in the library. Rough launch date in mid-October. Waiting for health department to come and inspect space.

Open time to discuss topics of conversations for the following year.

Issac: Excited about open publishing. Want to have programming that helps to shift faculty thinking about the maker space, how to incorporate into classes, connecting students with emerging technologies. Also interest in boards games in addition to digital games

Terri : Library does have board games at library that are not available for checkout. Library has also recently started up 'board game nights'

Members are encouraged if they have thoughts of "I wonder if the library could help me with this," to bring to Neil and chair.

New Press director starting in October. Able to have Press as topic for October meeting.

Meeting closed by Neil Romanosky at 10:58