

**LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Weinberg Memorial Library**  
**Tuesday, February 16, 2021**

The meeting came to order at 11:32 a.m., via Zoom Conference Meeting by Marian Farrell.

Present: Prof. George Aulisio, Prof. Kelly Banyas, Dr. Lori Bruch, Dr. Marzia Caporale, Prof. Marleen Cloutier, Dr. Bryan Crable, Dr. Marian Farrell, Prof. Colleen Farry, Ms. Sharon Finnerty, Dr. Teri Freeman-Smith, Mr. Eugeniu Grigorescu, Prof. Michael Knies, Dr. Michael Landram, Interim Dean Jean Lenville, Dr. Yibai Li, Dr. Bonnie Markowski, Dr. William Miller, Prof. Linda Mlodzienski, Mr. Jacob Myers, Prof. Ian O'Hara, Prof. Sylvia Orner, Dr. Ben Willis, Prof. Donna Witek, and Dr. John Zych.

Unable to Attend: Dr. Yaodong Bi, Dr. Deborah Budash, Dr. Darryl DeMarzio, Dr. Tracey Collins, Prof. Frank Conserette, Dr. Darryl DeMarzio, Dr. Josephine Dunn, Dr. Michael Fennie, Dr. Jakub Jasinski, Dr. Barry Kuhle, Dr. Andrew Lazella, Dr. Nathan Lefler, Dr. Wendy Mannetti, Dr. Bob McCloskey, Dr. Masood Otarod, Dr. William Parente, Dr. Christos Pargianas, Dr. Kim Pavlick, Dr. Adam Pratt, Prof. Sheli Pratt-McHugh, Dr. Robert Shaffern, Atty. Jason Shrive, Dr. Yamile Silva, and Dr. Argyrios Varonides.

Dr. Bruch motioned to approve the minutes with the change of p.m. to a.m. on the adjournment time, seconded by Dr. Willis. The minutes were accepted with the correction.

**DEAN'S REPORT – Jean Lenville**

**STAFFING UPDATE:** Interim Dean Lenville introduced Prof. Sylvia Orner, the new Collections and Resource Management Librarian. Prof. Orner then spoke briefly, giving a little background, and then reminding those in attendance that book orders are due.

Interim Dean Lenville announced that the Full Time Evening Circulation Services Clerk has been hired. Mr. Eric Pencek started Monday, February 8, 2021. He is a 2010 alum of the University, and worked at both the Bapst and Burns Libraries while pursuing his Master's degree at Boston College.

Prof. Marleen Cloutier then gave an update on the Acquisitions Clerk search. Prof. Cloutier said that the final candidate interview was being conducted the week of February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. The committee is hopeful to have the new hire begin in March, 2021.

Interim Dean Lenville then spoke about the remaining open Library positions. The Provost has assured her that the remaining five vacant positions: Part-Time Library Metadata Specialist, Full Time Technical Services Clerk, Part-Time Library Attendant, Part-Time Media Resources Evening/Weekend Supervisor, and the Assistant Dean, will remain frozen until the new Dean starts.

**BUILDING UPDATE:** Prof. Aulisio gave a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor renovation update. He reported that part of the Friends 100K contribution went into renovating the old ILL office into a collaborative teaching/meeting space.

The remaining funds will be dedicated to replacing the circle tables at the top of the stairs, and the student computer lab to the right. The circle tables and be replaced with high computer tables similar to what they have at the DeNaples Center. He added that we will collaborate with the architects on what will be appropriate.

The student computer lab will be refreshed with carpeting, paint, and new tables. He also reported that we are going to reduce the number of computers because students do not use them as they have in the past. This will allow for more desk space. Dual monitors will be put in. They are also considering leaving a few spots open with only monitors that students can attach their own laptop to.

Any remaining money after those renovations will be used for new furniture.

Dr. Bruch asked if accessibility is being kept in mind during these renovations. Prof. Aulisio replied that accessibility concerns have been relayed to the architects. The student lab space will have accessible stations, but he will see if there is anything that can be done to address accessibility in the top space as well. Interim Dean Lenville added that we are trying to raise outlets up off the floor to help with that concern.

Interim Dean Lenville reported on two additional projects: waterproofing for the Reilly Room foundation because the rooms along the back wall leak, and the 3rd Floor HVAC Upgrade, which was supposed to happen over summer, 2020. She said we are waiting to hear if these will be moving forward this summer.

She then reported that spoke to the Provost about the Java City renovation, and asked him to find out if this was being discussed again. She added that she didn't think the reopening of Java City was dependent on the upgrade, but did let him know that if we are fully in person in the fall, we will expect Java City to also be open.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Prof. Kelly Banyas – Affordable Learning Implementation Grant:** Prof. Banyas thanked those that participated in last semester's Affordable Learning Implementation Grant. The Judging Panel met in December, 2020 to discuss the applications and awarded two grants to Dr. David Dzurec for HIST 111: History of the US from Reconstruction to Present, and Dr. Christopher Hauser for PHIL 120: Introduction to Philosophy. All the previous grant assessment reports, required as part of receiving the grant, have been added to the Library's website.

She announced that the Library will once again offer two Affordable Learning Implementation Grants for Fall, 2021 classes. The award is a \$1000 grant for faculty to replace all or some of their for-cost course materials with open educational resources and/or appropriately licensed library resources. The applications are due April 16, 2021. The first call for submissions went out February 12, 2021. She asked that the committee share the information with their departments.

She added that there is an informational session on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 from 11 a.m. - noon during Open Education Week. The session will cover how to find open educational resources and how

to identify Library resources that will be accessible to all students for the duration of the class. If a professor would like to apply but the resource they are considering using is not openly available and the Library does not have access to it, please contact Prof. Sylvia Orner to discuss the availability of departmental funds.

Prof. Banyas said they will need judges for the Fall 2021 applications. The panel would meet after the April 16, 2021 deadline to discuss the applications and award the grants. Members of the Library's OER Committee: Prof. Banyas, Prof. Aulisio, Prof. Cloutier, Prof. Pratt-McHugh, and Prof. Orner, will convene the meeting, oversee the discussion, and answer any questions.

Link to Affordable Learning Implementation Grant page with details, assessment reports, and application: <https://www.scranton.edu/academics/wml/infolit/oer-grants.shtml>

Link to Zoom meeting for the informational session on March 3, 2021 from 11 a.m. – noon: <https://scranton.zoom.us/j/94796362808?pwd=SHRPaDBkZjE5eWZabTIWSUtgTDE3QT09>

Link to sign up for the Affordable Learning Implementation Grant judging panel: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=msTtqPFBaUyXaKf218O4wzJ2QGSFMBpNpN0IV6qMEB5UQjVDRjJLU0ITMzNSRDY0SUdFUkwOTzA0Ti4u>

**Prof. Colleen Farry – Dean's Search:** Prof. Farry reported that the Dean of the Library Search Committee began its review of applications on February 1, 2021, and the committee met on February 5, 2021 to discuss which candidates to invite for phone interviews. Phone interviews have been scheduled over the next few weeks.

The search committee's initial timeline scheduled finalist interviews in March, 2021. This phase will include presentations for the University community and the Library Advisory Committee can expect to receive details about those presentations by email. This phase will likely go into early April.

The anticipated start date for the position is July 1, 2021, and based on the Committee's progress and the candidate pool, they are on track to meet that target.

Prof. Witek added that there were 25 applications for the position, and seven have advanced to phone interviews.

**Prof. Colleen Farry – Interdisciplinary Clavius Fund:** Prof. Farry also announced that she, Prof. Banyas, and Prof. Cloutier are hosting monthly discussions as part of the Interdisciplinary Clavius Fund. These meetings explore the concept of open and the many meanings openness takes on depending on the discipline and context.

As part of this Clavius, Jasmine Roberts, a lecturer in the School of Communication at the Ohio State University, was invited to discuss open education and its relationship to social justice. Her discussion will address the urgency of centering social justice approaches in open educational practices and the challenges of this process. This presentation is open to all faculty and staff, and is scheduled for Monday, February 22, 2021 from 12-2 p.m. More information can be found at -

<http://sites.scranton.edu/library/2021/02/16/open-education-at-the-center-and-margins-of-social-justice/>

**Prof. Donna Witek – Information Literacy Stipends:** Prof. Witek shared that information literacy stipends are the opportunity to strengthen students' research skills in various disciplines by collaborating with a faculty librarian to develop assignments and assessments that focus on information literacy; more details at [www.scranton.edu/informationliteracystipends](http://www.scranton.edu/informationliteracystipends).

The call for proposals for courses offered in Summer 2021 or Fall 2021 will go out on Monday, February 22, 2021. Up to two \$1,000 stipends for Summer/Fall 2021 courses will be awarded. The proposal deadline is Friday, April 9, 2021.

Volunteers, one from each college, are needed to serve on the Information Literacy Sub-committee to vet proposals in April, 2021. The link to serve is: <https://forms.gle/VpEpR46v2h2iU9336>.

**Prof. Donna Witek – Bonnie W. Oldham Library Research Prize:** Prof. Witek explained that the Bonnie W. Oldham Library Research Prize recognizes excellence in student research projects from courses taught across all departments at the University; more details at [www.scranton.edu/libraryresearchprize](http://www.scranton.edu/libraryresearchprize).

There are three \$500 prizes — Undergraduate Foundational: 100-level projects; Undergraduate Upper-level: 200- to 400-level projects; Graduate level projects. An email to all course instructors with details will go out in late March / early April, 2021. The application for Intersession or Spring 2021 projects is Monday, May 3, 2021 at 4:00 pm.

Volunteers are invited from each college to serve on the three judging panels for the prize. Judging will take place the week of May 3, 2021. The link to serve on the 2021 Bonnie W. Oldham Library Research Prize Judging Panel is: <https://forms.gle/bEVR5mG4EBRmA2cF8>.

**Prof. Michael Knies – European Medieval Manuscript Leaves Exhibit: Varieties of Script and Content from the Jim Sims Collection:** Prof. Knies reported that the exhibit is live, both on site in the Heritage Room and online. He then shared his screen and gave a tour through the online exhibit. He said that he began this exhibit as an honors project with Casey Welby, a senior in Classical Languages and History, Casey Welby, who helped curate the exhibit. Ms. Welby was also one of the first student fellowship recipients from the humanity Center.

Jim Sims is one of the largest collectors of medieval manuscript leaves in the country and he's been interested in having his collection shared in exhibits and other projects, and so he was happy to loan us a group of leaves for an exhibit. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, the exhibit is only open to the University community, however, digital exhibit can be found here: <https://digitalprojects.scranton.edu/s/sims-exhibit/page/about>

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

- Respectfully submitted by Kym Balthazar Fetsko