

Provost's Library Advisory Committee

Friday, November 30, 2018 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Homer Babbidge Library, Room 1102

Attendees: Iddo Ben-Ari, Thomas Briggs, Patrick Carr, Amy Dunbar, Haleh Ghaemolsabahi, Sara Harrington, Shinae Jang, Kristen Jones (recorder), Anne Langley, Carolyn Lin, Thomas Meyer, Edward Neth (Cisco), Thane Papke, Joan Smyth, Janice Swiatek, Olga Vinogradova (Chair)

Absent: Pamela Bedore, Maureen Croteau, Joy Elwell, Peter Kaminsky, Michael Mundrane, Dylan Nenadal, Sylvia Schafer, Mary Truxaw

Welcome/Introductions:

The meeting began at 12:15pm with a welcome from chair, Olga Vinogradova. Introductions continued around the room.

Haleh Ghaemolsabahi motioned to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2018 meeting. Carolyn Lin seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Dean's Updates:

- *Hiring*

Anne reported that the search for the Associate Dean of Library Administration is in the offer stage.

We hope to have the successful candidate starting sometime in February.

We are ready to have a candidate on-site for to interview for the Repository Manager position.

A Collection Strategist position is currently posted until mid-December.

Access Services Coordinator for Stamford is posted until December 9.

Two positions for Metadata Management Librarians are about to post.

Business and Entrepreneurship Librarian position is being created.

In the spring we hope to fill positions for an Administrative Services Specialist; Financial Services Assistant; Electronic Resources Librarian; Hartford campus Library Director; Digital Scholarship, Humanities & Social Sciences Librarian; Head of Library Technology Services.

- *Masterplan*

Anne noted that the renovations to levels B and plaza are temporarily on hold by request of the President. This will give us an opportunity to incorporate our strategic plan and future staff space needs into the design. For now, we are moving forward with the external egress stairway, wayfinding, digitization lab expansion and converting the staff lounge into student space. The addition of the egress stairway will necessitate the relocation of the Q Center.

Announcements:

Iddo Ben-Ari asked about the process for obtaining a research carrel. He has applied for one in the past and been denied. Also notices a lot of them seem to be unused. Anne will give an update on carrels at the next meeting.

Anne announced the return of past library employee, Susanna Cowan. She was most recently the Director of Summer/Winter Programs and will be returning on Monday to the library as the Coordinator for Library Research and Assessment. *See her position description-Attachment 1*

Library Homepage Overview—J. Nelson

Jean Nelson, Head of Communications & Engagement and Chair of the Web Steering Committee gave the group an overview of upcoming changes to the library's website and welcomed feedback. See her presentation [here](#).

Jean noted that the Web Steering Committee has a goal date of January 10 to launch the first iteration. Feedback from the committee is below:

- E-journal searches need to be more intuitive
- Ensure that it is mobile-friendly
- "Ask a Librarian" is great!! Keep that feature
- Adding machine learning would be very useful especially to undergrads
- Searching with abbreviations does not work
- UConn logo-should take you right to ILL if item is not available here
- Possibly use a cookie to customize the homepage for the user
- Moving part of the screen (marketing) is distracting-maybe an accordion window to close it
- Too many clicks to find what is checked out
- "My account" instead of "log in?"
- "Ask a librarian" could have longer hours if we coordinated with BLC staff too
- Use the blue from the secondary search on the homepage
- Traveling "Ask a librarian" button that follows you

Adjournment: 1:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristen Jones, Assistant to the Dean