

## Provost's Library Advisory Committee

Thursday, October 26, 2017 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Homer Babbidge Library, Heritage Room

**Attendees:** Iddo Ben-Ari, Patrick Carr, Maureen Croteau (chair), Amy Dunbar, Shinae Jang, Holly Jeffcoat, Kristen Jones (recorder), Peter Kaminsky, Khara Leon (guest), Carolyn Lin, Edward Neth, Jean Nelson (guest), Mary Truxaw, Olga Vinogradova

**Absent:** Pamela Bedore, Joy Elwell, Anita Morzillo, Thane Papke, Sylvia Schafer, Joan Smyth

### Welcome/Introduction

The meeting began at 12:06pm with Committee Chair Maureen Croteau welcoming the group. Introductions continued around the table.

### Approval of Minutes from April 27, 2017

The minutes from the April 27, 2017 meeting were approved as amended.

### Committee Chair Remarks—M. Croteau

Maureen asked the group for thoughts on goals for this academic year. She noted that the Provost was interested in the committee taking a stand where journal politics are concerned. There are also many changes going on in the library with regards to construction, tenants, etc. What is the scope of the library? What does the One UConn Library mean to us?

Maureen thanked all who continue to serve on the committee.

### Vice Provost Updates—H. Jeffcoat

Holly reported that two final candidates for the Dean of Libraries position would be visiting campus in the next couple of weeks.

She also noted that we had numerous construction projects completed over the summer. We have a new Visualization Studio, MakerSpace Studio, and two new instruction classrooms. UITS Help Center has also moved onto Level 1 as well as the Greenhouse Studios. There are some lighting issues on that floor that will be fixed over the Thanksgiving break.

The Heritage Room opened this week and will be used extensively by administration and the Humanities department. The School of Fine Arts Resource Center is under construction now and we are providing a pulling service for them. The project is on track and the center should reopen after spring break.

For the future construction projects, we will be working with just one project planner, which should make the process much more efficient.

Holly reported on the current state budget discussions. We have not been asked to make any cuts. The Health Sciences library had a reduction to their collection budget, which we are working to mitigate now. Because we collaborate with them on journal packages, we are actively working on ways to decrease any negative impact to Storrs.

Holly added that this week is Open Access week. We have a number of events scheduled including Open Data in Action that is today in Hartford, an Introduction to Data Visualization exhibit and a visit from CNI's Joan Lippincott on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Holly also reported that we joined the Open Textbook Network Pilot program this summer. We will be working directly with three faculty members to create and publish open textbooks.

### Goals for the Year

Maureen Croteau suggested that we respond to the journal inflation issues. Patrick noted that this is part of a bigger issue and maybe a scholarly communications workgroup within the Senate would be a good idea. Discussion continued about predatory pricing and departments' requirements to publish in certain journals for tenure. Maureen suggested bringing faculty from different disciplines together to shed light on the problem. Carolyn Lin asked about library fundraising efforts. Holly reported that a large portion of our fundraising comes in the form of collections. We should be getting a large collection soon that will include funds to curate it. Most of our endowment accounts have requirements attached related to donor wishes. We actively work with the Foundation now and would like to have more space naming opportunities to bring in more revenue. Jean Nelson added that it is our intention to invigorate the newsletter so that we can have an indirect way to solicit funds. Suggestion was made to invite Lauren Prause to a PLAC meeting. Next meeting should include a tour of Level 1.

### Purposeful Path Refresh—P. Carr

Patrick Carr showed a PowerPoint explaining the need for this project. (*Attachment 1*) He noted that though the Library's Purposeful Path Forward was developed in 2015, it has remained static but the Library has experienced many changes. This project aims to realign and revise but will not rewrite the strategic plan. Khara Leon will be facilitating small focus groups with faculty and students to get feedback about what they like, dislike, and need from the library. Carolyn Lin suggested asking Deans and Department Heads to take up this issue in faculty meetings and forward responses to Khara. Amy Dunbar noted that she struggles with the lack of concrete terminology in the current version of the Purposeful Path.

### Announcements/Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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