

## Provost's Library Advisory Committee

Tuesday, February 20, 2018 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Homer Babbidge Library, Heritage Room

**Attendees:** Pamela Bedore, Patrick Carr, Maureen Croteau (chair), Shinae Jang, Holly Jeffcoat, Kristen Jones (recorder), Peter Kaminsky, Carolyn Lin, Anita Morzillo, Michael Mundrane, Edward Neth (video conference), Sylvia Schafer, Mary Truxaw, Olga Vinogradova, Adomous Wright

**Absent:** Iddo Ben-Ari, Amy Dunbar, Joy Elwell, Graham O'Toole, Thane Papke, Joan Smyth

### Welcome/Introduction

The meeting began at 12:13pm with Committee Chair Maureen Croteau welcoming Anne Langley as the new Dean of the UConn Library. Introductions continued around the table.

### Round Table Introductions

Introductions continued around the room with some members indicating what the most important aspects of the library are to their departments. Comments included:

Carolyn: more seminars/workshops needed to teach students how to use library resources

Olga: start the dialogue regarding quality/access to open access journals and obtaining reasonable prices

Mary: access to research journals, training faculty/students on how to use IT/software and other resources such as databases. Her department is very dependent on our subject specialists.

Carolyn: has difficulty with ease of use of online software. Students accessing it with Skybox can have difficulty.

Michael Mundrane spoke about continual challenges with licensing. Investigating other products now to replace Skybox in the future.

Adomous added that we have increased the number of computers on Level 1 with the latest renovation and have not run into any lack of software issues.

Anne said we will do an assessment on how students are using the spaces in the Library.

Michael Mundrane meets with a faculty group and is happy to have another touch point with this group.

Carolyn volunteered to be on a committee that connects IT with faculty and students.

Anne sees the purpose of the academic library as the place to provide technology and information to its patrons and a physical space for it as well. To help make interactions by helping people learn how to interact with information.

Discussion on predatory open access. Need to think of ways to raise awareness on all parts of open access.

Sylvia: Her department values the expertise of the subject librarians, the journals and actual books in the Library.

Peter: There was a decision to change the Music and Dramatic Arts Library to The School of Fine Arts Resource Center. With that change three things happened:

- They no longer have a dedicated librarian
- The name change suggests a less than adequate library for the School of Fine Arts
- Accessibility to their resources is more difficult with a large portion of their collections transferred to Babbidge.

*EAST: What it is and how the Library participates in it—P. Carr*

See attached.

### Announcements/Adjournment

Sylvia suggested that our purposeful path incorporate a path for some objects to end up in Archives & Special Collections.

*Approval of Minutes from December 8, 2017*

The minutes from the December 8, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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