

Minutes of Senate Library Committee
Meeting of February 28, 2023
3:00-4:00 PM
Via Zoom

In Attendance: Renae Barger, Myles Cramer, Luke Ferdinand, Charlotte Johnson Kris Kanthak, Isabel Lam, Apoorva Narain, Ken Salzer, Kornelia Tancheva, Michael Thompson (guest, ULS), Karen Shephard (chair)

1. December 2022 and February 2023 minutes were approved.

2. Update on the initial interviews for the faculty profiles project, focusing on open scholarship/public facing works. Mark Anderson.

Mark said the interviews went well and that they're in the writing phase of the project. He and Charlotte Johnson, who interviewed Martha Mantilla and Elizabeth Monasterios, began by following the designed questions, but then played it by ear, following the path of the speakers. Once the writing is completed, it will be circulated to the SLC for input and to the interviewees for their review. He hopes to get three to four done over the summer and to have some in reserve to launch the features in the *University Times* in the fall.

3. August Wilson Archive and the Grand Opening Celebration. An overview of the development of the collection and the celebratory events. ULS Director Kornelia Tancheva and Executive Assistant and Event Coordinator Michael Thompson (guest).

Kornelia told members about the extensive work involved to acquire and process the materials in the August Wilson Archive, which took over three years with help from a lot of people. The archive includes over 450 boxes of materials, each cataloged and with a [finding aid](#) describing the content and arrangement of the collection. The collection is physical and must be viewed in-person as there currently are no attained permissions to digitize the array of materials which range from audio recordings, videos, books, scripts, props, music, photos, and much more. Full details about the Archive are available at its website: augustwilson.library.pitt.edu.

Michael Thompson of ULS shared information about the week-long celebration of the AW Archive opening, packed with many events. ULS organizers partnered with at least one outside organization for the scheduled events, helping to ensure wide community interest and involvement. The culmination of the Grand Opening Celebration was set for 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 3, 2023, at the Hillman Library, featuring compelling displays of the archival material, musical performances, and engaging activities. [Recordings of selected events are available here: <https://augustwilson.library.pitt.edu/events.html#videos>.]

4. Plans for the recently accepted Year of Emotional Well-Being Journaling Workshops proposal (series of three). Charlotte Johnson.

Charlotte reported that the journaling workshop was accepted and that the proposal team was now working to arrange for speakers, locations, refreshments, and journals (to be distributed to attendees). The three workshops are scheduled for March 22, April 12, and May 10. SLC members are encouraged to attend and to share announcements of the events with their communities.

5. SLC membership – nominations and election

Karen Shephard reported that three SLC terms are expiring June 30, those of Reid Anderson, Lauren Collister, Kenneth Salzer. Ken has indicated interest in serving for a second term. The process is handled by the Senate Committee for Elections.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Shephard