

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

Attendees: Renae Barger, Myles Cramer, Luke Ferdinand, Charlotte Johnson, Robin Kear, Gary Kohanbash, Isabel Lam, Apoorva Narain, Kenneth Salzer, Karen Shephard (chair)

1. The Senate Library Committee approved the February 28, 2023 meeting minutes.
2. Members who attended the ULS August Wilson Archive & the Grand Opening Celebration events (February 24 – March 3, 2023) then had an opportunity to share their thoughts and experiences. All was very positive and some members who were unable to attend said they planned to visit the library exhibits that are available live or online. (Details on the Archive and the Celebration can be found here: <https://augustwilson.library.pitt.edu/events.html>.)
3. Charlotte Johnson, who is leading the “Year of Emotional Well-Being Journal Workshops” project, reported on the first of the series of three that was held in the Barco Law Building’s Alcoa Room on March 22, 2023. Nearly a dozen members of the University community attended and engaged in interesting conversation with the presenters. Positive feedback was received by attendees and presenters. The next workshops will be held April 12 and May 10, 2023. Members were asked to share with their communities news (and links) for the upcoming workshops when available.
4. Shephard informed SLC members that the Draft Policy AO 23 – Licensing and Use of Univ. Name, Logos, Trademarks, and Service Marks is undergoing further consideration as some concerns were expressed. Once the draft is finalized, the Policy Committee will bring it to the SLC for endorsement.
5. In other matters, SLC members talked about what libraries are doing to help alleviate student stress during the finals period and days leading up to it. Gary Kohanbash remembered Hillman Library providing free coffee and snacks [cookies] to students and wondered if there were plans to do so again. (Shephard later reached out to ULS Director Kornelia Tancheva who confirmed that they planned to do so, as they have for several years.) Renae Barger, Assoc. V. Chancellor of HSLS, said she thought they, too, would be providing coffee. (She confirmed this by email later).

Shephard reported that the Pitt Law Library always has available puzzles, some manual games (including “Shoot the Moon”), light therapy lamps, and a massage chair to help alleviate stress or depression. Coffee often is available for free during finals week, she recalled, but was not sure who provided it. She planned to look into and report on this and other stress-reduction activities.

6. Shephard's computer froze and she was unable to communicate with members to close the meeting. Senate President Robin Kear adjourned the meeting at 3:29.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Shephard