

Minutes for Senate Library Committee
Meeting of October 17, 2019
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM
272 Hillman Library

In Attendance: Mark Lynn Anderson, Jeff Aziz, Barbara Epstein, Clark Muenzer, Mary Rauptis, Serena Rivera,¹ Shubhrika Sehgal, Marc Silverman, Kornelia Tancheva, Courtney Weikle-Mills, and Chubin Zou.

1. Greetings and self-introductions of attending committee members.
2. Approval of Committee Minutes for meeting of September 19, 2019 with corrections.
3. ULS Director Tancheva stressed to the committee to be mindful that the University Library System (ULS) is composed of eleven libraries (including those at four regional campuses) and is not just Hillman Library.
4. Tancheva updated the committee on developments with ULS. She observed that the renovated fourth floor of Hillman Library was opened one year ago and has been voted the best place to study on campus. She also mentioned that the whiteness of the fourth floor's décor will soon be relieved by the introduction of color. Tancheva detailed some of the current renovation of the third floor that will climate-controlled stacks, as well as classroom and exhibition space for Special Collection which has been temporarily relocated to the ground floor. Exhibition space in Special Collections will facilitate both analog and digital display, including interactive digital books. And in partnership with the Center for Creativity, the new third floor will have a Text & context Lab, allowing for the printing of physical books as well as their digitization. Tancheva noted that the renovations have been slated to be finished in January, but she believes that a March date is more likely. There is already a scheduled April event for the Text & context Lab.

Tancheva discussed programmatic renovations at ULS that are pursuing the question "What are the skills we want students to have?" She also mentioned the search for a librarian hire in the area of Entrepreneurship who will connect subject areas that subtend patent research. Related to the professionalization of students, Tancheva described three summer internships in the Office of Digital Scholarship and announced the instantiation of regular graduate assistantship within ULS working on graduate fellowship support in the library. Muenzer asked if the research area of the student had to overlap the library assignment, to which Tancheva answered no. The assistantship is run through the Office of Graduate Studies.

With respect to Article Processing Charges (APC) and Open Access, Tancheva reported that ULS is working with the School of Computing and Information (SCI), visiting their faculty meetings to discuss and provide instruction on the reservation of author rights and the use of institutional repositories. Epstein inquired if prevented from making the publication available, whether they were promoting depositing preprint servers as an alternative. Tancheva affirmed this. Muenzer observed that every journal is different and so it is difficult to have a standard of

¹ For Aurea Sotomayor.

negotiation. Tancheva responded that they are working with the dean of SCI to develop language to reserve rights. Epstein pointed out to the committee that there exists online advice about these issues. Tancheva says she'll offer talks to different deans about the use of preprint servers. Zou mentioned inquiries at the School of Medicine about depositing, and Epstein responded that she believed guidelines are internal to the School of Medicine.

Tancheva also conveyed other information about trends and developments of the University libraries, including the 800% increase in undergraduate original research over three years; support for the Three-Minute Thesis (3MT) competition for doctoral students run by the Office of the Provost; the coordination and hosting of the annual series of faculty book talks; the upcoming celebration (October 23) of the acquisition of the George Romero Collection; important additions to manuscript collections including manuscripts by Jorge Luis Borges and Japanese block prints; a 122% increase in 2018 over 2017 in successful grants; a whopping two million visitors last year across all University libraries; and over five million document download. Aziz mentioned as a follow-up to the announcement of the Text & context Lab that the Department of English had just acquired a printing press. Tancheva says that a collaboration with Creative Commons should be pursued in conversation with Kit Ayers and others.

5. Anderson described the on-line existence of two outdated library policies on the webpages of the Office of Policy Development and Management. The existence of these two policies were brought to his attention by Malgorzata [Gosia] Fort (HSL), Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Senate. The two policies are: a.) NOTIS: Library On-line Circulation System 10-03-01, and b.) 2.Special Library Cards and Access to University Libraries 10-03-03. Both policies were last reviewed in September of 1990. A quick discussion with committee members confirmed the obsolescence of these two policies, and a unanimous vote by the present voting membership agreed to request the official decommissioning of these policies.

Action item: On behalf of the Senate Library Committee, Anderson will provide the Committee's rationales and formally request of Assistant Vice Chancellor for Policy Developments that the two above named University policies be officially decommissioned.

6. The remainder of the meeting was spent in the ongoing discussions about particular issues the Committee wishes to investigate for the rest of the year, as well as our invitation onto the committee of an additional library faculty member to serve as cochair under last month's resolution (see minutes of the September 24, 2019 meeting). A great deal of attention was paid to difficulties and problems created by both this new addition to the committee and the ways in which Anderson had conducted and implemented this experimental change. Anderson presented a grouped listing of a number of different University librarians with whom he had already discussed the possibility of cochair or who were strongly recommended by those with whom he had met. After a brief consideration, it was decided that Anderson would approach Cataloging/Systems Librarian Chris Todd of the Barco Library about the cochair position.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM

Minutes compiled and submitted by Mark Lynn Anderson
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