

Senate Library Committee
Minutes for April 12, 2018 meeting

Attending:

- Voting Members: Mark Lynn Anderson (A&S-English), Irene Frieze (A&S-Psychology), John Mendeloff (GSPIA), Chunbin Zou (Medicine), Jonah McAllister-Erickson-Staff Representative (ULS)
- Pro-tem members: Marc Silverman (Law), Barbara Epstein (HSLs)
- Chancellor's Liaisons: Nancy Tannery (Provost)
- Senate Liaison: Robin Kear (Senate Vice President)
- Guests: Jeff Wisniewski

1. Approval of March 22, 2018 Minutes. The minutes were approved as corrected.

2. Update on Health Sciences Libraries. *Barbara Epstein. [see notes below].*

- Marc Silverman noted that services such as visiting pets for therapy, earplugs for ear protection and mindfulness sessions are also being done at the Law Library. Robin Kear and Jeff Wisniewski also noted that similar services are also available at Hillman Library.

3. Update on Law Library. *Marc Silverman*

- The new dean for the Law School will be coming soon.
- Recently, the ABA Accreditation team visited for 5 days and asked for lots of written material before and after their visit. One issue raised was the few of the librarians in the Law Library have a Law degree. [Marc noted that salaries are too low to retain this type of librarian].
- Other oral suggestions offered would require large expenditures and are probably not practical.
- Our ranking for the Law Library has declined a good deal as budgets have grown much smaller.
- Remodeling work is finally completed.

4. Publication of new book holdings

- New materials are listed for all the libraries on a Resources page. See <http://pittcat.hsls.pitt.edu/cgi-bin/newbooks.cgi> .
- In HSLs, a monthly newsletter lists new journals. Relatively few books are added to the collections. Most come as a result of specific requests.
- Hillman used to have a special bookcase for new books, but this is no longer being done. People can use pittcat+ to set up an alert to be notified of new materials (books, articles, etc.) that meet the criteria of any search they formulate.

- The Law Library does maintain a shelf for new books. In addition, new book covers are displayed throughout the library. A monthly newsletter also lists new books.
- Mark Anderson noted that most faculty who are interested in books tend to keep track of new offerings in their areas of interest.

5. Situations in which materials are kept off site and not available in the library.

This item was tabled.

6. Future meetings. Our next meeting will be early in the fall.

7. Selection of Chair or Co-Chair for 2018-2019. This will be determined through e-mail to committee members.

.....

Notes for Senate Library Committee

4/12/18

HSLs Updates:

1. The Pitt Data Catalog is a new platform available through HSLs to help Pitt health sciences researchers share and discover their research datasets.

For more information see HSLs Update article at
<http://info.hsls.pitt.edu/updatereport/?p=10875>

Also article in University Times: <https://www.utimes.pitt.edu/archives/?p=48052>

Researchers are encouraged to contact the HSLs Data Services team at HSLSDATA@pitt.edu for more information and/or to schedule an in-person or phone consultation to learn more.

2. The NIH *All of Us* Research Program (AoURP) is a historic effort to gather data from one million or more people living in the United States to accelerate research and improve health. By taking into account individual differences in lifestyle, environment, and biology, researchers will uncover paths toward delivering precision medicine.

HSLs has been awarded a two-year, \$2.2 million supplemental award from the National Library of Medicine (NLM) to administer the *All of Us* Training and Education Center (TEC). The TEC will design, develop, deliver and evaluate educational programs for *All of Us* participants, clinicians, researchers, and the general public. It will serve as the central repository for all educational content related to the AoURP. Funding will support four full-time employees, and multiple contracted experts to develop content.

HSLs continues to serve as the Regional Medical Library for the Middle Atlantic Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM), with additional responsibility for the NNLM Web Services Office. Funding from NLM to HSLs in 2018-19 totals \$3.3 million, growing to \$3.5 million in the following year.

3. HSLS is now offering several new classes related to data management. These include:
 - [Data 101: Introduction to Mapping](#)
 - [Basic Python through Jupyter](#)
 - [Beginning Command Line for Bioinformatics](#).
 - [Bioinformatics Data Analysis: Options 4 Rigor](#)

4. HSLS will offer its popular [Systematic Review Workshop: the Nuts and Bolts for Librarians](#) on April 16-18, 2018. This will be the 26th session of this 2.5-day workshop. It has been offered three times a year for the past eight years. Each workshop has attracted 22-24 librarians from throughout the United States and Canada.
5. Falk Library is hosting a traveling exhibit, sponsored by the Center for Health Equity at GSPH, in honor of Minority Health Month in April. The exhibit is titled “Legacy of Black Medical Schools and Departments in the United State”, and is on display in Falk Library upper floor study lounge. The exhibit was created by Dr. Anita Moncrease, Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Wayne State University School of Medicine and Historian of the Hartford Memorial Baptist Church in Detroit.
6. The Springboard Program for new School of Medicine Faculty is a yearlong required orientation session for new faculty investigators within the first year of their faculty appointment in the schools of the health sciences. HSLS librarians have participated in the program, and the Springboard group met in Falk Library for lunch, tours and orientation.
7. HSLS hosted several pet therapy sessions in March and April for health sciences students. These were well-attended and popular.
8. HSLS librarians exhibited at the 2d annual Pitt Pre-Health Summit on April 7. This is an interprofessional conference for all pre-health students (pre-dental, pre-PA, pre-medical and more).