

Minutes of the Senate Library Committee
Meeting of December 10, 2020
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM
via Zoom

In Attendance: Mark Lynn Anderson, Reid Andrews, Jeff Aziz, Sharon Blake[†], Chris Bonneau, Carrie Donovan, Barbara Epstein, Jonah McAllister-Erickson, Donovan Harrell*, Seungil Kim, Gary Kohanbash, April O'Neil, Mary Ruktis, Katie Richmond, Lucy Russell, Ken Salzer, Marc Silverman, Kornelia Tancheva, and Frank Wilson.

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1. Approval of minutes from November 19, 2020 meeting of the SLC.
2. Committee meeting times for the spring term were proposed and tentatively accepted pending news of any forthcoming conflicts. SLC meeting time returns to 3:00 PM on third Thursdays with January 21, February 18, March 18, April 22, and May 20 tentatively scheduled.
3. The Committee then considered the question of whether to continue with its current governance structure that allows for the chair, in consultation with the Committee, to invite a faculty librarian onto the SLC to serve as co-chair in a pro-tem capacity. This evaluation by the Committee was part of the original proposal (see [minutes of September 19, 2019](#), item 5) and moved forward from the April 2020 meeting to the December meeting by a unanimous vote of the Committee (see [minutes of April 23, 2020](#), item 2). Continuation of this arrangement was agreed upon without discussion. Anderson noted that there are no Committee bylaws—only bylaws for the Faculty Assembly—so, the Committee can change this structure or allow it to elapse at any time without formal resolution.
4. Anderson announced that Carrie Donovan had served a calendar year as SLC co-chair and will step down at the end of the month; however, she will remain on the Committee as she is also serving out Aurea Sotomayor's last year as a voting member until June 2021.
5. Anderson suggested that he would like to invite ULS librarian Lauren Collister onto the SLC as co-chair since she is well-known to the Committee because of recent presentations to the Committee on scholarly communication issues. McAllister-Erickson spoke highly of Collister but wondered if we might benefit from perspectives from librarians outside of ULS. Anderson agreed and expressed the need to find ways to recruit librarians from Barco Law Library and the Health Science Library System. Both Anderson and Silverman mentioned Karen Shephard as an excellent scholarly communications librarian at Barco though she is unable to take on additional University service work at this time. Anderson said that Donovan and he had discussed Collister because of her work on Open Access and her commitments to advocacy; seeing these as helping further our current concerns with thinking about Open Access as a social justice project. Additionally, Donovan felt that Collister would be amenable to joining the Committee in the coming month. Anderson and Donovan agreed to approach Collister to ask if she would be willing to join the SLC as a pro-tem co-chair.

6. Anderson briefly floated the idea of eventually coordinating with the Faculty Affairs Committee if we begin to develop a faculty outreach strategy related to Open Access. Other standing committees of the Faculty Senate were also suggested as possibilities.

7. A brief discussion of Open Access issues among the Committee occupied the remainder of the meeting. Rautkis described the ways OA has been promoted and discussed in Social Work and described the difficulties of getting published work into the hands for which it was intended, including the expense of OA and gaining funding from the deans to support OA publishing. O'Neil asked why Open Access is so expensive and Andrews expressed concern that faculty would never be convinced to pay for publication. Tancheva pointed out that such payments have happening regularly over a long period of time and she explained how Access Processing Charges (APCs) were a form of dishonesty and how transformative agreements with publishers were more or less a dead end. Acknowledgement of the continued need for institutional repositories concluded the discussion.

The meeting ended at 4:40 PM.

Minutes compiled and submitted by Mark Lynn Anderson
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