

Senate Library Committee
Minutes for December 4, 2017 meeting

Attending:

- Voting Members: Mark Lynn Anderson (A&S-English), Irene Frieze (A&S-Psychology), John Mendeloff (GSPIA), Clark Muenzer (A&S-German), Chinmaya Lele-GPSG Representative (Computing & Information)
- Pro-tem members: Marc Silverman (Law)
- Chancellor's Liaisons: Kornelia Tancheva (ULS), Nancy Tannery (Provost)
- Senate Liaison: Robin Kear (Senate Vice President)
- Guests: Fran Yarger (for Barbara Epstein, HSLs), Lauren Collister (ULS)

1. **Introductions.** Members of the committee briefly introduced themselves.
2. **Approval of October 2 Minutes.**
3. **ULS updates.** *Kornelia Tancheva.*
 - a. Currently a consulting firm is collecting data from faculty, students and staff via a survey, individual interviews, and focus groups. There were some technical problems with the survey, but a good deal of data was collected in spite of this. Separate focus groups were done with faculty, students and staff. Each group focused on a particular topic. A formal report is expected in early February.
 - b. Questions were raised about how much the consultants knew about our particular needs. Kornelia explained that the report will present recommendations and guiding principles based on data collected from our users and these recommendations will be considered in light of our own knowledge and data that we have collected in the past. In terms of Hillman renovations, the fourth floor will have fewer stacks for books but more spaces for individual study and for group work. A guiding philosophy was to make "Hillman more about people." Overall, there will be a 60% reduction in shelf space for books. Books will be stored off site, but can be obtained within 24 hours.
 - c. Questions were raised about how people will be able to search books in the future since off-site storage does not lend itself to browsing. One suggestion was Implementing virtual browsing capabilities.
4. **Updates on Health Sciences libraries.** *Fran Yarger* (for Barbara Epstein). The Health Sciences Library System is making physical changes in Scaife Hall and updating their website. For more information on these updates, see Fran's note at the end.

5. **Status of insurance for books.** Information from Yvonne Keafer, Office of Risk Management. *Irene Frieze*. Through a telephone conversation, Irene learned that the University of Pittsburgh does have insurance that covers library materials, but there is a \$250,000 deductible per year. Also, the deductible for each unit is \$10,000. Librarians from ULS, HSLs and Law will follow up to get more information about this.

6. **Update on Emeritus Status for librarians-Nancy Tannery.** Recently, the Provost's Office has issued new guidelines that explicitly allow librarians to be given emeritus status. The head of each library is responsible for determining who should be given this status, with the final approval of the Provost.

7. **Discussion on self-archiving for faculty.** *Lauren Collister* (Scholarly Communication Librarian for ULS). The need for scholars to share their work more widely is behind many efforts for more open access to scholarly work. One method of doing this is through self-archiving through ULS or other methods. More details can be seen at <http://bit.ly/Self-Archiving>.

8. **Future meetings.**
 - a. Proposed Spring meetings are on Thursdays from 3 to 4:30 on Feb 8, March 22 and April 12.
 - b. Open access fees will be a topic for discussion, probably at the February meeting.
 - c. Procedures for deciding about which books are placed in off-site storage will be discussed at a future meeting.
 - d. Another topic will be a discussion of how to best highlight new books.

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Notes from Fran Yarger on her presentation on HSLs activities

Falk Library Construction

- The new Health Sciences quiet study area has opened. Located in the back of the 1st floor, this area houses the study carrels formerly located the Library's "fish bowl". The 2nd updated study area, near the front of the library, will be available in late December or early January. This glass enclosed space will be outfitted with 4-person tables to facilitate group interaction and study.

NIH's All of Us Program (<https://allofus.nih.gov/>)

- Pltt has recently been awarded supplemental funding for HSLs's MAR and NWSO cooperative agreement programs(<http://info.hsls.pitt.edu/updatereport/?p=9346>). A joint effort between

the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the National Library of Medicine (NLM) and the National Network of Medical Libraries (NNLM), this funding will be used to create a new MAR “point of contact” Librarian position charged with raising awareness of the AoU program while increasing the capacity of public library staff to improve health literacy in their communities.

- The NWSO program has been funded to create and maintain the All of Us and precision medicine learning management system. This technology will support AoU’s national online information and training effort for members of the public, health professionals, librarians and researchers.

Additional information: <https://allofus.nih.gov/news-events-and-media/announcements/nihs-all-us-research-program-partners-national-library-medicine>.

HSLs’s new website

After a few delays, the new HSLs website is now live but in a secondary form (hsls2.pitt.edu). During this end of term “soft launch”, access to the new site is facilitated links from the current hsls.pitt.edu website. The new site will move to hsls.pitt.edu before the start of spring term. The new sites combine a clean, responsive design along with teachable-moments and updated browsing and discovery tools,

For additional information about the new site, please see: <http://www.utimes.pitt.edu/?p=46041>