

## Senate Library Committee

### Minutes for February 8, 2018 meeting

#### **Attending:**

- Voting Members: Mark Lynn Anderson (A&S-English), Irene Frieze (A&S-Psychology), Elizabeth Mahoney (Computing & Information), John Mendeloff (GSPIA), Clark Muenzer (A&S-German), Mary Beth Rauktis (Social Work), Chunbin Zou (Medicine), James Oostein –SGB Representative, Chinmaya Lele-GPSG Representative (Computing & Information), Jonah McAllister-Erickson-Staff Representative (ULS)
- Pro-tem members: Barbara Epstein (HSLs), Marc Silverman (Law)
- Chancellor's Liaisons: Kornelia Tancheva (ULS), Nancy Tannery (Provost)
- Senate Liaison: Robin Kear (Senate Vice President)
- Guests: Lauren Collister (ULS), Tim Deliyannides (ULS)

1. **Introductions.** Those at the meeting briefly introduced themselves.
2. **Approval of December 4 Minutes.** The minutes were approved as corrected.
3. **Presentation by Lauren Collister (Scholarly Communication Librarian for ULS) on the status of open access policies and practices**
  - a. A link to her slides: <http://bit.ly/feb8slc>
  - b. Much discussion followed the talk. Members of the group were very supportive of the idea of getting Pitt to move to having more open-access publication. We were not sure how this might be best accomplished. One suggestion was that we attempt to education faculty in different units about the issues. It was agreed we would report on any efforts made at our next meeting.
  - c. It was pointed out that funding for individual faculty to pay open access charges or submission feeds to open-access journal were quite limited. ULS funds set aside for this were spent early in the fiscal year last year and are already spent for this year.
4. **Update by Kornelia Tancheva (ULS Director) on a) outside consultant's report on the library and b) policies for deciding which books go to storage.**
  - a. A report from the consultants is available and can be linked from public reinvention page ([library.pitt.edu/hillmanreinvention](http://library.pitt.edu/hillmanreinvention)). There is a direct link to document at: <https://www.library.pitt.edu/sites/default/files/exhibits/other/files/reinvention/Brightspot%20Report.pdf> . Committee members should read the report for discussion at our March meeting.

- b. The traditional policy on moving books to off-site storage is that less frequently used materials are moved while those that are more frequently used are kept on central campus since we want to minimize the traffic back and forth. The specific criteria vary depending to the available space. For instance, it could be that materials older than 5 years and that have not been accessed [checked out or moved from the shelves in the library] in the last 10 years are moved off-site. It is important to have a review process, e.g. material already moved that is requested more than X number of times in a certain period, will be moved back to accommodate increased usage and efficiency of library operations. Materials specifically requested by faculty to stay on campus can also be moved back if space considerations allow.

**5. Future meetings.** Next meeting is Thursday, March 22 from 3 to 4:30.