

Senate Library Committee Minutes—May 16, 2019
3pm in 272 Hillman Library

1. Attending - Mark Lynn Anderson, Jeff Aziz, Barbara Epstein, Irene Frieze, Kathryn Gardner, Zack Horton, Robin Kear, Gary Kohanbash, Elizabeth Mahoney, Jonah McAllister-Erickson, Clark Muenzer, Mary Rauptis, Marc Silverman, Kornelia Tancheva.
2. Minutes from February and March previously distributed via email. Committee members will be asked to vote on these via email.
3. Irene Frieze gave a review of a presentation she made to Faculty Assembly. See attached document for the complete information.
4. Kornelia Tancheva, Barbara Epstein, and Marc Silverman briefly discussed the decision process that was used for the selection of the new Integrated Library Management System (ILMS). The decision will be shared with the committee when negotiations are finalized. The library staff will be testing the ILMS with the goal of having the system online for the campus population in June 2020.
5. Barbara Epstein reported that the Falk renovations are well underway; book and journal materials have been move to Thomas Blvd. for staging and storage purposes.
6. Kornelia Tancheva reported that a new Associate University Librarian for Research and Learning has been hired. She anticipates that the AUL will begin work on July 1 and will be able to talk with the Committee about Library Liaisons in fall 2019.
7. Mark Lynn Anderson and Gary Kohanbash volunteered to serve as Committee Co-Chairs in 2019-2020.
8. Mark Lynn Anderson began a discussion about the manner in which the Committee might move forward in the future. One specific suggestion was a method that might be employed by to identify issues and set the work of the Committee. He proposed that instead of two elected faculty co-chairs that a librarian might be asked to join the committee as a pro tem co-chair to serve with an elected co-chair as collaborative generators of ideas and issues that the committee might consider in a sustained manner. This proposal was followed by questions and discussion, some of which are captured below.
 - Anderson – this would be something to try for a year to see if there could be a generation of ideas on specific topics that would lead to something like a position paper (e.g. work with a Scholarly Communications librarian to more fully investigate and present faculty with opportunities in this area).
 - Epstein – suggested that the librarian could lend expertise but asked why there was a need to serve as a committee member.
 - Silverman and Muenzer – indicated that previous administrations did not allow librarians to serve on the SLC because there was a concern that that a librarian might be placed in a difficult position between faculty and library administration.

- Muenzer suggested that the librarian(s) might serve on an appointed sub-committee where they could supply information to a smaller group.
- Silverman – is the intent of this change to move the committee towards problem solving? If so, then this manner would allow the librarian to participate in the collective work of the committee and communicate issues that are important to the community.
- Rauktis – This could be a model of collective work allowing a movement towards a collaborative endeavor. This is similar to initiatives that are occurring in other professional areas (e.g. Social Work and Medicine).
- Aziz – This seems to be an approach towards collaboration through the disruption of hierarchy. As such, it could be very valuable as long as it does not become negative.
- Kohanbash – If the notion is to bring librarians into the process of defining issues, roles would need to be clear such that they aren't duplicating the roles that are currently provided by the Library Directors who are currently on the committee as Chancellor's Liaisons and Pro-Tem Faculty Appointments.
- Epstein – the issues are so complex, and it is important to keep the Library Directors on the committee; they have an overall understanding of the multiple areas of their libraries.
- McAllister-Erikson – we also need to be sure that we help keep the librarian(s) from becoming uncomfortable in their work as a librarian and their work on the committee, but rank-and-file librarians would bring an important perspective to our discussions.
- Anderson, Muenzer, Mahoney, Silverman – There are many areas beyond Scholarly Communication that could be considered such as open access, liaison interactions, access to collections and services, ADA accessibility, remote access to services, or even finding ways to have faculty better understand issues related to acquisitions and other services so that faculty suggestions and requests would be made in ways commensurate with and supportive of the mission of the libraries and the interests of the communities served.
- Silverman – Well, it is time to do something different. We have an opportunity with this idea to make the Senate Library Committee more impactful. Perhaps we might find a way to tunnel out of committee deliberations and inform the rest of the University community of matters related to the libraries.

9. There weren't enough members of the committee present for a formal vote. However, those attending made an endorsement of either having Mark Lynn Anderson and Gary Kohanbash serve as co-chairs of the committee in the coming year, or to pursue the possibility of one of them serving with a pro tem librarian co-chair. Both Anderson and Kohanbash indicated that they would continue to work on committee business over the course of the summer, and that the committee will revisit the possibility of a librarian co-chair at the September meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35.

Elected Faculty	Mark Lynn Anderson; 2019	English; A&S
Elected Faculty	Becky Faett; 2020	Nursing
Elected Faculty	Irene Frieze; Co-Chair; 2020	Psychology (R); A&S
Elected Faculty	Elizabeth Mahoney; Co-Chair; 2019	SCI
Elected Faculty	Clark Muenzer; 2021	German; A&S
Elected Faculty	Mary Rauktis; 2021	Social Work
Elected Faculty	Aurea Sotomayor, 2021	Hispanic Languages & Literature
Elected Faculty	Chunbin Zou; 2019	Medicine

Elected Faculty	Courtney Weikle-Mills*	English
Pro-Tem Faculty	Zack Horton (for Anderson)	English
Pro-Tem Faculty	Barbara Epstein	HSL
Pro-Tem Faculty	Kathryn Gardner	Biological Sciences

Minutes compiled and submitted by Elizabeth Mahoney.
Approved by the Senate Library Committee on September 19, 2019.