

## Senate Library Committee

### Minutes for October 2, 2017 meeting

**Attending:**

- Voting Members: Mark Lynn Anderson (A&S-English), Becky Faett (Nursing), Irene Frieze (A&S-Psychology), Elizabeth Mahoney (Computing & Information), John Mendeloff (GSPIA), Clark Muenzer (A&S-German), Chunbin Zou (Medicine), Chinmaya Lele-GPSG Representative (Computing & Information), Jonah McAllister-Erickson-Staff Representative (ULS)
- Pro-tem members: Barbara Epstein (HSLs), Marc Sliverman (Law)
- Chancellor's Liaisons: Kornelia Tancheva (ULS), Nancy Tannery (Provost)
- Senate Liaison: Robin Kear (Senate Vice President)

1. **Introductions.** Members of the committee briefly introduced themselves.

2. **Approval of Sept 11 Minutes.** A number of changes were made. The final version was approved.

3. **Introduction to the University Library System.** *Kornelia Tancheva.* A quick update on the ULS was presented. (See attached slides).

- Questions were raised about data on increases and decreases in library usage data. Kornelia pointed out that the changes were relatively small, and mostly occurred at the Regional campuses. Changes were consistent with national trends.
- Questions were raised about the duties of department liaisons, since it is not possible for any individual liaison to have expertise in all his or her assigned areas. After some discussion, it was proposed that we discuss this in more detail at a future meeting, looking especially at the question of what appropriate expectations of liaisons should be.
- Information presented on bibliometrics led to discussion about how well these captured scholarship in humanities areas.
- It was noted that Pitt, and ULS, in particular, is seen as a national leader in open-access publishing.
- There was not time to discuss Hillman renovations in any detail. Focus groups are now being conducted about how the Hillman space should best be configured for future library needs. Faculty requested that consultants doing these focus groups come to a future meeting of the Senate Library Committee, or meet with the group outside a regular meeting.

4. **Introduction to the Law Library.** *Marc Silverman.* An overview of the Law Library was presented (see attached slides).

- The Barco gift to the Law Library has allowed the library to provide far more service activity with individual faculty and students in Law than is possible for ULS liaisons.
- Law librarians regularly teach required, for credit research courses to law students. They also do many guest lectures in regular law classes.

#### **5. Future meetings.**

- Our next meeting is scheduled for December 4 at 3pm.
- A discussion of insurance needs of the library was suggested for this meeting.
- Another issue is a report on emeritus status for faculty librarians. Nancy Tannery agreed to provide an update from the Provost's Office on current practices.
- When we talk about ideas for a "Year of the Library," it was suggested that we consider a broader focus of the "Year of Information."
- As mentioned above, Hillman renovations should be on a future agenda.
- Another issue we might discuss is the Thomas Blvd storage facilities and the university archives.