

Senate Library Committee

Minutes for October 4, 2018 meeting

Attending:

- Voting Members: Irene Frieze (A&S-Psychology), Elizabeth Mahoney (SCI), Clark Muenzer (A&S-German); Aurea Sotomayor (A&S-Hispanic Languages), Courtney Weikle-Mills (A&S-English); Pooja Human (SGB); Michelle Ozaeta (GPSG); Jonah McAllister-Erickson-Staff Representative (ULS)
- Pro-tem members: Barbara Epstein (HSLs); Marc Silverman (Law); Zack Horton (A&S-English)
- Chancellor's Liaisons: Kornelia Tancheva (ULS); Nancy Tannery (Provost)
- Senate Liaison: Robin Kear (Senate Vice President)

1. Discussion of Committee Mission Statement. The purpose of the Senate Library Committee is to discuss and make recommendations related to services, resources, and policies of all of the libraries at the University in order to assure that the research and teaching needs of all members of the University community are met and that the highest standards are maintained. The Committee's mandate extends to future library services and facilities.

a. The mission statement was modified as noted above.

b. The topic of services raised questions about what services were available. It was noted that services of all three libraries are available to all members of the Pitt community, although rules about how to access services vary. We may discuss this in more detail at a future meeting.

2. Update on Health Sciences Library System. *Barbara Epstein.* [The presentation can be found by clicking "Documents" on the Senate website at <http://www.univsenate.pitt.edu/committees/library>]

a. Most users come through the website now. Relatively few patrons actually visit.

b. There is a newsletter that sends out information. [Subscribe at <http://subs.hsls.pitt.edu/?p=subscribe&id=1>].

c. HLS is preparing for major renovations to begin next summer.

3. Update on University Library System. *Kornelia Tancheva.* [The presentation can be found by clicking "Documents" on the Senate website at <http://www.univsenate.pitt.edu/committees/library>]

a. Statistics indicate high levels of usage of ULS resources. A decrease in full text downloads was noted. Committee members expressed surprise and suggested this might be a topic for later discussion.

4. Update on Law Library. *Marc Silverman.*

a. The Law Library budget continues to shrink. Fortunately, there is an endowment for the Law Library which helps.

b. Along with lower funding, there has also been a decrease in space.

c. Librarians work actively with faculty on research projects. Some are also involved in personal research projects.

6. Future meetings. Our next meeting was tentatively scheduled for November 1, but this date won't work for several people. We will try to find better dates through e-mail.

7. Agenda items for future meetings. E-mail will be used to determine what topics committee members are most interested in. Possible topics include:

- A review of the present libraries at PITT. A description of services supplied by each library. An outline of the library missions.
- Status of Hillman Library renovations
- Plans for library renovations or changes in other PITT Libraries
- Long Term or Strategic planning for PITT Libraries
- Will the next Library Management System provide new access to collections and materials? What is in place for retrieval of materials (print or electronic)? A discussion of browsing and accessing the collection.
- An explanation of service models available to faculty. What service might a faculty member expect from a professional librarian? Perhaps a presentation on the research support items listed here, <https://www.library.pitt.edu/research-support> along with a discussion of the departmental liaison function.
- A presentation of staff organization charts for the PITT libraries. Are there current or planned librarian searches that are of interest to faculty?
- Donations. Are donations from faculty of interest to University Archives and/or the Gift and Exchange departments? What should a faculty member do to determine if materials are of interest for donation?
- Discussion of the Archival Scholars Program at ULS or digital collections of original materials.
- Open access publication.

- Digital Humanities scholarships.
- Decrease in ULS book circulation and decrease in downloads.