

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Weinberg Memorial Library
Wednesday, February 28, 2018

The meeting came to order at 11:40 a.m. by Dr. Marian Farrell.

Present: Prof. George Auliso, Dr. Jessica Bachman, Prof. Kelly Banyas, Dr. Dona Bauman, Dr. Marzia Caporale, Prof. Frank Conserette, Dr. Marian Farrell, Dr. Michael Fennie, Mrs. Sharon Finnerty, Dr. Rita Fleming-Castaldy, Dr. David Friedrichs, Dr. Teresa Grettano, Mr. Eugeniu Grigorescu, Prof. Michael Knies, Dean Charles Kratz, Associate Dean Jean Lenville, Dr. Wendy Manetti, Dr. Bob McCloskey, Dr. William Miller, Prof. Linda Mlodzienski, Dr. Christos Pargianas, Dr. Kim Pavlick, Dr. Adam Pratt, Dr. David Salerno, Prof. Narda Tafuri, Dr. Ben Willis, Prof. Donna Witek, Prof. Kristen Yarmey and Dr. John Zych.

Unable to attend: Dr. Yaodong Bi, Dr. Lori Bruch, Dr. Tracey Collins, Dr. Carol Cote, Dr. Darryl DeMarzio, Dr. Josephine Dunn, Dr. Kathy Dwyer, Dr. Terri Freeman-Smith, Dr. Michael Hardisky, Dr. Jakub Jasinski, Dr. Barry Kuhle, Dr. Michael Landram, Dr. Andrew LaZella, Dr. Nathan Lefler, Dr. Yibai Li, Prof. Sheli McHugh, Dr. Masood Otarod, Dr. William Parente, Dr. Sufian Qrunfleh, Dr. Robert Shaffern, Dr. Yamile Silva, Dr. Robert Smith and Dr. Argyrios Varonides.

Dr. Willis motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Prof. Auliso. The minutes were accepted as written.

DEANS REPORT – Dean Charles E. Kratz

Staffing Changes – Dean Kratz reported that now that Jean Lenville has moved into the Associate Dean position, the Assistant Dean position needs to be filled. Due to each Dean being asked to cut from their budget, the Assistant Dean Position is now a 9 month position. The search is underway, and the position has been posted. Assoc. Dean Lenville is chairing that search committee.

Dean Kratz also announced that Prof. Kristen Yarmey has resigned. She grew our digital services department from scratch during her time here and will be greatly missed. Prof. Narda Tafuri is chairing the Digital Services Librarian Search Committee. The position is posted and the review of applications will begin mid-March. He expects the search will be finished by the end of the semester.

Prof. Kevin Norris, who has been with us for 40 years, is also retiring in May. Dean Kratz is not able to fill that position until the end of November 2017. Prof. Donna Witek will chair that search. The administration and faculty librarians are retooling his position to become –Research & Instruction Librarian for Student Success. Prof. Kelly Banyas will move into that position in December 2018. We will begin the Health Sciences Librarian Search in August to fill her vacated position.

HVAC Project – Dean Kratz reported that the Library's HVAC project will begin after graduation. The 5th floor stack area and the Heritage Room will be the first under construction, and the room may not be accessible. There will be signage indicating room unavailability. There will be a retrieval system for 5th floor books in place. We will re-carpet over intersession next winter.

Dr. Friedrichs said there was a recent story in Inside Higher Education about other schools who have remodeled spaces and the dissatisfaction from faculty and other constituents about a lack of

consultation with faculty. He asked if the Library has a formal process in place about consulting with faculty and other constituents before any building remodeling or reconfigurations. Dean Kratz replied that he prides himself in the consultation we have in place through the Library Advisory Committee. The recent Iron Mountain project attests to the successful consultation between the Library and Academic departments. Prof. Yarmey added that Library Faculty decides on the items to bring to the LAC to make sure departments have needed information on library projects.

Information Literacy – Prof. Donna Witek

Prof. Witek reported that a call for proposals for courses offered in Summer or Fall 2018 just went out. Two \$1000 stipends for summer/fall proposals will be awarded. All details can be found on the web page: <http://www.scranton.edu/academics/wml/infolit/stipends/index.shtml>). The deadline for proposals is Friday, March 23, 2018. A signup sheet to serve on the subcommittee was passed around. The subcommittee will meet in April.

Prof. Witek also reported that she will need volunteers for the Library Research Prize Judges Panel. A record number of submissions have already been received and we are only halfway through the year. One faculty member per college is needed for the subcommittee, but more than one per college is absolutely welcome. The subcommittee would meet in early May. She explained the new criteria and asked that faculty promote the prize to their students. All of the information about the prize is on the website: <http://www.scranton.edu/academics/wml/infolit/research-prize/index.shtml>. The application deadline is Monday, April 30th, 4 pm.

Other Items - Various

Miso Survey - Associate Dean Lenville asked that everyone please complete because organizationally it's important that we get feedback. She added that the student response rate is low.

8th Annual Environmental Art Show – Prof. Aulisio reported that a Call for Artists has gone out and he passed around the flyer. Submissions are accepted until April 13, 2018 and the show will run April 17-24, 2018. Joe Josephs, an environmental photographer from NY, is lecturing on April 18, 2018 as part of the exhibit.

WML Game Night – Prof. Conserette reported WML Game Night is scheduled for March 1, 2018, from 6:30 to 10:00 pm. The event is free for students, faculty, and staff. Participants are encouraged to bring board games/card games. There will be free pizza, snacks & beverages.

Friends of the Library Book Sale – Dean Kratz announced the sale is always the last weekend in April. All net proceeds this year will go to Bonnie W. Oldham Library Research Prize Endowment. He asked that faculty encourage people to come to the sale.

P.W. Costello Theatrical Portrait Exhibit - Prof. Knies reported that the exhibit has been installed in the Heritage Room. It's from Tom Costello's private collection. The exhibit runs until April 23, 2018. There is a reception & program scheduled for March 27, 2018 that will feature Tom Costello. Prof. Michael Friedman will also speak about Shakespearean theater at the turn of the century and how it was changing. Many of the portraits in the exhibit are autographed either by the actor, or through attached autograph cards. We have about 40 drawings.

Wiley Journal Backfile – Prof. Narda Tafuri

Dean Kratz began by explaining the Weinberg Library's basement design and compact storage. Last summer we had some flooding. Before Christmas break there was also a leak from Java City that spilled into the basement. As a result, the collection needs to be compressed and moved out of that area. In the December leak we lost about 90 volumes. In addition, the movable shelving is aging and not as mobile as before.

Prof. Tafuri said that we deal with PALCI and Wiley. PALCI is purchasing all of the Wiley Backfile, which is available to all constituents. There are 950 titles. We are getting online access from 1997 and back. It is perpetual, unlimited access. The activation of Wiley Backfile has already taken place. You can search titles in our online catalog.

She passed out a handout explaining what we have in the collection that is covered in the Wiley Backfile. She asked faculty to look through the memo and if they would like the volumes we physically have, to contact her by March 30, 2018. Otherwise, they will be recycled.

Dean Kratz explained perpetual access further.

Prof. Tafuri added that we are only removing titles covered by the Backfile. Dr. Fleming-Castaldy said it seems this will actually improve our collection, to which Prof. Tafuri agreed, saying we are only removing some of the titles and now we will have more access. The purpose of buying Wiley Backfile is to cut Interlibrary Loan costs. Ms. Fetsko will send out the attachments after the meeting.

Dean Kratz asked if there were any objections to the process. There were no objections. He said they would like to start moving items out over the summer. Dr. Pargianas asked if faculty could have ten more days so it can be brought to department meetings. Dean Kratz said that was fine. Additionally, he said that your library liaison would be happy to help explain Wiley Backfile to your colleagues at any departmental meeting.

Dr. Farrell thanked the Committee. The meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

- Respectfully submitted by Kym Balthazar Fetsko