

Library Directors Leadership Team Meeting

January 23, 2017

235 Olin Library

Minutes

Present: Kornelia Tancheva, Mary Ochs, Bonna Boettcher, Curtis Lyons, Jill Powell, and Eric Acree

Guest: Anne Kenney

Agenda

- Organizational Updates with Anne Kenney
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Anne Kenney attended the meeting to discuss the organizational structure starting April 1st. All library units that report to Kornelia will report to Xin Li on an interim basis.

Updates

Bonna

- Digital Co-Lab open house: the open house for the new Olin Digital Co-Lab, 701 Olin, was held on 24 January, late afternoon. Approximately 65 people attended, and there was a great deal of interest in the programming that is being offered.
- 106G has new and improved A/V equipment, including a new projector, new Crestron switching device, and ceiling mikes (especially useful for presentations that are being webcast, as no one needs to pass a mic around for those attending online to hear the discussion), among other improvements. A new instructors'/presenters' desk is scheduled to be installed on 2/20.
- Rob and Noah shadowing experience: Mary and I are awaiting a final report, and preliminary conversations with Rob and Noah indicate that both found the program useful.
- Leak in Olin reference area: there has been a leak in the Olin reference area since around Thanksgiving; the roofers finally found the problem and have corrected it.
- A.D. White library: the new carpet has been installed and several students, coordinated by Bethany, completed vacuuming the books and shelving on 1/24.
- All reports from Devin indicate that the Olin/Uris NetPrint transition went smoothly.

[Re the Devin and Jimmy job shadowing I think this was a side comment between Mary and me that this would be a good future pairing, but nothing official has been confirmed. Devin thinks it's a great idea, btw, so Mary, we should talk about moving this forward.]

[Re the CUCEA – Chinese student organization – here's more detail, but Kornelia, I don't think it should go in the public facing minutes. Your call.

An alumni-led organization that brings high school students from China to the US to work on a particular project contacted CUL for the second time asking for space. After we declined – we couldn't give away as much space for as much time as they requested, especially after the start of the semester – Mann was approached. What we know from piecing together information is that this is a for-profit group that recruits current students and finds a faculty sponsor (in this case an emeritus faculty member) to lead the project. Xin has been in contact with other areas of the university to alert them to this program and it's stated connection with Cornell.]

Curtis

- ATHM: CUL and the American Textile History Museum have signed an MOU that will transfer the bulk of the now closed museum's archives and library to Cornell. Responsibility for the material will fall to the Kheel Center, Mann Library, RMC, and perhaps other units, depending on the subject matter, format, rarity, etc. The collection arrives in April and will largely be stored at the Annex, with processing of the material expected to take around two years.
- Reorganization: Beginning in March, HLM Library is administratively separating the reference, instruction and collection development operations of the Catherwood Library from those in the Management and Nestlé Libraries. The creation of the SC Johnson College of Business has opened up new challenges and opportunities and this change will allow Dan to concentrate his efforts in that direction. I am greatly indebted to him for the work that he has done in juggling both this and the labor side of HLM over the last three years. We are also very pleased that Aliqae Geraci has agreed to take leadership of these services in Catherwood, she has been a stellar reference librarian in the five years since she joined us and we are delighted to be able to provide her with this new role.
- Director of the Science and Technology Libraries: We have closed the search for this position. We interviewed several strong candidates but were unable to find one who would fit well from both our and their perspectives. Jill Powell will continue to be in charge of these libraries in an interim capacity and the next CUL administration will have the opportunity to decide on how to best fill this critical need.

Jill

- PAM position – search committee convenes Feb 17; so far 6 applicants; search closes Feb 28
- Carpenter plans – Carpenter Hall is expected to be demolished in 5-7 years to make room for a larger north wing on Hollister and to open up the engineering quad. College administrative offices hope to be consolidated in Hollister. Both admissions and student commons with group study rooms are planned in North wing. Ward Hall will remain as surge space until building is completed, but eventually Ward will be demolished as well. The High Volt lab (near Coal Yard Café) will get some basic renovations.
- Reunion – Both Math and Engineering will have exhibits and have sent announcements to Lori Auble. Math will also show a movie.

Mary

- Mann held an all department liaison meeting. Faculty liaisons and chairs from each department in CALS and CHE were invited. The agenda included 7 lightning talks on Mann services and collections. The meeting was well attended and feedback was very positive. We plan to do this again next January.
- The Science Immersion program was very successful! Kudos to Erica Johns and Erin Eldemire for leading. Thanks to all the resource people who presented.
- Erin Eldemire, Kate Ghezzi-Kopel and Chris Fournier are working on a Laura Bush 21st century librarian grant related to systematic reviews outside of clinical medicine. The grant will go in for the next round of funding, which we anticipate will be in Sept. 2017.
- Our new billing, reservations and building coordinator, Sandy Conrad has started.
- Reminder that Info lit fellowship applications are due March 1.