

Library Directors Leadership Team Meeting

February 23, 2015

Hoyt Fuller Room, Africana Center

Minutes

Present: Kornelia Tancheva, Mary Ochs, Curtis Lyons, Bonna Boettcher, Eric Acree, and Erla Heyns

Agenda

- 2:00 pm – 2:45 pm – Continue Budget Discussion
- 2:45 pm – 3:30 pm – Updates

The team continued the budget discussion.

Updates

Eric

Africana Library:

- RMC purchased the archive of Wilbert Tatum (1933-2009), who was variously owner, editor, publisher, and executive officer of the **New York Amsterdam News**. Two years ago RMC received the photo archive of this important African-American weekly newspaper that serves the New York City region. This new batch of papers provides the textual component to the Amsterdam News photo archive.
- Eric Acree received the 2015 Cook Award. This award recognizes the contributions of members of the Cornell community for their contributions to improving the climate for women on our campus.
- Eric Acree was the one of the keynote speakers at the “Dining With Diverse Minds Dinner.” The topic was “Preventing Sexual Violence.” A write-up appeared in the [Cornell Daily Sun](#)
- Eric Acree taking part in the planning of a one day Faculty Symposium on the Role of Faculty in Addressing Sexual Violence on College Campuses, April 28th.
- Held screening of the *Eyes on the Prize: Bridge to Freedom, 1965*. This program documented the March 7th, 1965 march in Selma, Alabama, where southern Blacks were seeking laws to allow them to vote. Among the discussants was Dorothy Cotton, Riche Richardson, and Russell Rickford.
- In collaboration with ASRC and the Africana Library, there is a weekly film series taking place in honor of the late ASRC Professor Ali Mazuri. This will end in April 2015.

Fine Arts Library:

- Marsha Taichman attended the College Art Association conference in NYC in January.
- Marsha Taichman and Martha Walker held a well-attended book talk with AAP in Milstein Hall.

Music Library:

- Lenora Schneller attended the Music Library Association Conference in Denver.

Mary

- Chris Fournier will begin on March 19 as Mann's job-share life sciences librarian, sharing the position with Sarah J. Wright.
- Mary is attending the Borrow Direct Science Library Leaders meeting at Yale on March 19, and then attending the Columbia Library Symposium on March 20.
- The Mann stacks move is underway on the 2nd floor in preparation for installation of furnishings where the CALS/CHE Business Service Center used to be. All cubicle offices on the 2nd floor have now been removed. Still planning for a spring break installation of the new furniture.

Bonna

- The contracts for the Annex fifth module have been issues, and a kick-off meeting will be scheduled soon.
- Work is proceeding on the sesquicentennial exhibitions in Olin and Uris.

Curtis

- The group study area to be built on the first floor of Catherwood Library has been delayed due to the budget situation. We expect to find a naming donor that will allow it to be done in Summer 2016.
- Angie Wagner retired as HLM's Access Services Manager in January. We have completed interviews for her successor and hope to have the process wrapped up next week.
- Kheel Center received a gift to digitize 250 audio recordings from the ILGWU records.
- The Management Library debuted their new website: <https://johnson.library.cornell.edu/> . We are making good progress toward a new Catherwood/Kheel site.
- Economics Department Chair Kevin Hallock was named the new Dean of the ILR School and started earlier this month.

Kornelia

- Alma evaluation and planning is starting once again. Deb Lamb-Deans is the PS rep.
- FAL project is on a delayed schedule: Kent is presenting to CF&PC on March 12; if approved, we present to the Board of Trustees on March 25th.
- Communication and Assessment is disseminating more detailed results of the faculty survey.
- Columbia PS symposium program is out.
- LEG strategic priorities retreat(s) should be concluded in the next few weeks.