

Agenda for August 8, 2019 (1:30-3:00 pm)
235 Olin Library

Attending: Andy Horbal, Christina Sheley, Anne Sauer, Sara E. Wright (for Mary Ochs), Bonna Boettcher, Bronwen Bledsoe (for Greg Green), Eric Acree, Kim Nayyer, Dianne Mizzy, Gerald Beasley

Guests: Adam Chandler and Wendy Wilcox (item 3); Ezra Delaney (item 4)

1. Welcome Andy and Christina

LDLT offered a warm welcome to our newest members, Andy Horbal and Christina Sheley. Gerald also offered congratulations on the Mui Ho Fine Arts Library opening.

2. Dianne's public services proposal

LDLT members have had an opportunity to review Dianne's proposal for moving forward with the public services committee structure. Some issues may come to LDLT for discussion, but little impact is expected otherwise. Gerald also invited LDLT members to bring issues to him outside meetings, either via e-mail or scheduling time to meet.

3. Stacks/Findability Study and possible work going forward: discussion/input in preparation for discussion with LEG (Adam Chandler and Wendy Wilcox)

Adam and Wendy had shared their report in advance of the meeting and briefly summarized their methodology, findings, and recommendation to redirect funding currently being put toward tattle-taping to a more robust program of shelf-reading. They recommend that CUL assemble a regular program of sampling the open stacks for missing items, to inform our decision-making while continually improving the user experience for our patrons.

LDLT discussed the report and heard from our newer members on practices at their institutions. Outside the immediate discussion, a question of retaining security gates was raised vis-à-vis the user experience and a possible chilling effect. We need more input from our users on that question. Conclusion: there is some discomfort, but LDLT was generally in favor of the recommendation.

4. Ezra, budget updates/questions

Ezra provided a status update on the FY20 budget, including progress on addressing the current structural deficit. He reiterated CUL's goal to preserve current staff positions, also indicating that requests to fill vacancies were being scrutinized carefully. Ezra gave examples of the difference between operating and capital budgets, discussing how capital

planning needs to happen several years in advance. He continues to work at the university level to address concerns.

5. Updates

Gerald

- CUL will be reviewing strategic priorities during the 2019-20 academic year, looking for broad feedback/input on whether they have worked, and whether they are the right priorities. The process will be started at the upcoming all-staff meeting.
- FOLIO stakeholders meeting in Cologne: CUL is exploring the option of being an early adopter, during summer 2020. Debra Howell working on the move from development mode to implementation mode. There will be many changes, requiring time from all staff. We should be hearing more in literature/on networks in the Fall as Chalmers Library in Sweden will be coming online in the fall.
- Gerald has spoken at the United Nations about their 2030 [sustainable development goals](#) (17 goals) and the role of libraries in supporting the goals. CUL will be increasing support of the goals: the role of academic libraries and information is/will be critical (open source, open access), as is communication and education. Gerald also is discussing with the Provost and with the Atkinson center. See the link for the goals and more information.

Anne Sauer/RMC

- RMC has hired a new Public Services Assistant, Natalie Kelsey, who will start on August 26.
- Searches are underway for the Archivist for Arrangement and Description and the Dr. Joyce Brothers Project Archivist (18 month term) positions.
- Next exhibition will open October 3, featuring maps from PJ Mode's persuasive cartography collection.

Bonna Boettcher/Olin & Uris, Music, Fine Arts

- The Mui HO Fine Arts Library opened to the public on Monday, 5 August. Tours for CUL staff are scheduled; please try to attend or find time to drop in and see the new space.
- Preparations for orientation are moving ahead well.
- Candidates for the Research Services Lead position in Olin/Uris RLS are scheduled over the next several weeks. Please attend public presentations as you are able.
- Olin/Uris Access Services is completing the search process for a late-night staff member (update: Liam Murphy's first day was 16 August).

Christina Sheley/BEE

- Ashley Stockstill (Reference Assistant) is leaving the Management Library for a full-time position at The Institute for Comparative Modernities. Her last day will be August 9.