

Senate Library Committee
September 27, 2017
Minutes of the Meeting

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[**In these minutes:** Welcome and Introductions; Overview of Governance; Reports from Librarians; Discussion of Proposed Revisions to the Charge; Discussion of Priorities for the Year]

PRESENT: Irene Duranczyk (chair), Theresa Beaulieu, David R. Brown, John Butler, LeAnn Dean, David Goldfeld, Lori Helman, Connie Lenz, Wendy Lougee, S. Douglas Olson, Joanne Richardson, Matthew Rosendahl, Tim St. Claire, Jill Trites, Marlo Welshons

REGRETS: Bo Hu, Nabil Matar, Hikaru Peterson, Reilly Ruechel, Mary Beth Sancomb-Moran, Owen Williams

ABSENT: Courtney Billing, Claire Dahl, Paul Myers, Richard Nho

OTHERS: Diane DeBoer, University Senate Office

1. Welcome and Introductions

Professor Irene Duranczyk, chair, called the meeting to order and introduced herself. She first congratulated Wendy Lougee, University librarian, and the University Libraries for being awarded the [National Medal for Museum and Library Service](#) in 2017. The library is only the third academic library to win the award in 23 years. Duranczyk then asked members to introduce themselves and talk about what they would like the committee to work on this year. Members listed the following topics:

- Information literacy
- Access to affordable resources for students
- Digital publication
- Continued availability of old/traditional books
- Data collection and research
- Future of what the library contributes to student experience
- Student success and how libraries contribute
- Expectations and opportunities for library services on a modern campus
- Engagement
- Consider system campus and “branch” libraries

2. Overview of Governance

Next, Amber Bathke, senate associate, University Senate Office, gave an overview of University Senate Governance, including the role of committees, possible committee actions, how resolutions and statements move through the governance system. She also showed members the

Policy Matrix, which delineates which committees are to be consulted when each administrative policy undergoes changes. According to this matrix, the Library Committee should be consulted on the [Managing University Records and Information](#) and [Copyright Ownership](#) policies. Duranczyk added that the committee should be proactive, and cautioned against becoming simply a repository of information. Duranczyk then highlighted information from the [report](#) of the 2010 Ad Hoc Committee to Investigate Charge about the Library Committee, saying that her goal for the committee is to represent the library user community to the administration and the Faculty Senate with vigor and imagination.

3. Reports from Librarians

Next, the librarians present reported on the concerns and priorities at their respective libraries.

Lougee began by [sharing a handout outlining the University Libraries' priorities](#). She added that the Libraries' compact/budget hearing will take place in November 2017. She said that they have been instructed not to ask for anything unless it presents a significant financial concern. Therefore, the University Libraries will request funds for the following needs:

- Collections
- Pre-design for housing the collection currently housed in the Bio-Medical Library
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The compact/budget process also is an opportunity to describe financial challenges such as facilities maintenance, minimum wage impact, and collection management costs.

She also cited concern that the University Libraries have dropped in the rankings among research libraries in terms of collection expenditure.

David Brown asked what percentage of the cost pool the Libraries receive. Lougee described the budget model, wherein the Libraries' budget is attributed to colleges based on a weighted headcount including faculty and students, but not staff. The Libraries' total cost pool that is attributed is approximately \$51 million. However, she clarified, the model includes the Libraries' support for other cost pools, such as information technology. The amount of O & M the Libraries actually receive (versus. what is attributed) is far less (approximately \$41 million).

Next, Connie Lenz, associate director for Research Services and Collection Development, Law Library, reported on behalf of the Law Library. She explained that the Law Library is the only autonomous library on the Twin Cities Campus. Its budget is part of the Law School's budget, and its focus is to support law students and faculty, to whom it offers intensive services, including conducting research and working closely with faculty; working closely with students writing journal notes; and providing instruction in legal research. Space is an issue for the Law Library, and they are currently looking at duplication across campus in order to ease this pressure.

LeAnn Dean, director, Rodney A. Briggs Library, University of Minnesota Morris, said that the Morris Campus participates in the compact process as a whole, and that she participated in this process as a member of the Campus Finance Committee. She reported that a few years ago, the Briggs Library received an ongoing increase in its budget in order to keep up with licensing

costs; Dean therefore does not believe that the Briggs Library will receive funding through the compact process for a few years. She then highlighted parts of its strategic plan, which include improving building infrastructure; increasing resources for UMM archives and historic special collections; increasing investment in programming and cross-campus collaboration; and investing in staff, both in terms of numbers and professional development.

Finally, Matt Rosendahl, director, Katherine A. Martin Library, University of Minnesota Duluth, said that, like Morris, Duluth participates in the compact process as a campus. The library was not asked to participate this year, he said, and they expect at best a flat budget for the next fiscal year, as this has been the case for the last three years. In order to offset the 6% inflationary pressure on a flat budget, the Martin Library has undergone a reorganization, and as staff have retired they have been able to realize some savings in how those positions were filled. These savings have been invested in personnel and collections. The library has also been able to recover some space, due to an abandoned IT service point, which has been converted to a collaborative workspace. The library has also implemented a new campus-wide program called [Reading Without Walls](#), which encourages participants to encounter, discuss, and share diverse ideas, characters, genres, and perspectives through reading. Other current initiatives include hosting silent reading parties, pop-up libraries, and curriculum integration.

The Martin Library is also in the midst of a strategic plan, which includes implementing document delivery services for scanned articles and chapters, training front desk student staff to assist with research, and doing a satisfaction survey about facilities, services, and collections. One part of this survey will be done each year. This strategic plan will end in December 2017, and they will begin the planning process for a new strategic plan in late fall 2017, to be rolled out in spring 2018.

4. Discussion of Proposed Revisions to the Charge

Duranczyk thanked the librarians for their reports and directed the committee's attention to the [proposed changes to the Library Committee charge](#), which the committee had developed in the last academic year. She explained that the proposed revisions came out of the Committee on Committee's review of the Library Committee. Lougee commented that the 2010 ad hoc committee had examined the charge and concluded that no changes were needed, and expressed concern that the proposed edits limited the committee's purview. Duranczyk replied that she felt strongly that library users should be referenced in the charge, and that the fact that the Library Committee is system-wide should be made more clear. Members discussed the proposed edits, and in the interest of time, agreed to revisit the discussion at the next meeting.

5. Discussion of Priorities for the Year

Finally, Duranczyk opened up the floor for general discussion about priorities for the year. Tim St. Claire informed members about the Affordable College Textbook Act ([H.R. 3840/S. 1864](#)), proposed in September 2017 in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. This bill would provide for grants for institutions to increase open access. St. Claire proposed that the committee send a letter to the University administration encouraging lobbying for this bill. Lougee clarified that the bill also focuses on enabling authors to publish their content in an open format. She also

suggested connecting with the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (SCEP) and other committees. Members agreed to discuss this topic more at the next meeting.

Duranczyk thanked the committee for their time and adjourned the meeting.

Amber Bathke
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