

**Senate Library Committee (SLC)**  
**April 17, 2019**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**

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[**In these minutes:** Welcome and Introductions; Report on Dean of Libraries Search Committee; Statement on Affordable Content Update; Introduction of Incoming Chair]

**PRESENT:** Irene Duranczyk (chair), David Brown, John Butler, LeAnn Dean, David Goldfield, Anup Joshi, Bo Hu, Anna Milone, Gautam Ray, Joanne Richardson, Matthew Rosendahl, Tim St. Claire, Keri Youngstrand

**REGRETS:** Connie Lenz, Wendy Lougee, Mary Beth Sancomb-Moran, Rodney Williams, Marlo Welshons, Rhiannon Williams

**ABSENT:** Adrienne Jadric, Peter Marchetto, Paul Myers, Richard Nho

### **1. Introductions**

Chair Irene Duranczyk called the meeting to order and asked for a round of introductions.

### **2. Report on the University Librarian and Dean of Libraries Search**

Duranczyk introduced committee member David Brown who also serves on the University Librarian and Dean of Libraries Search Committee, along with SLC members John Butler and Matthew Rosendahl. Brown noted that this committee was appointed by Executive Vice President and Provost Karen Hanson, and listed the names and positions of the [search committee members](#) along with the charge to the committee. He noted that the academic search firm Isaacson, Miller would be leading the search, and would be holding a number of listening sessions from May 1 through May 3, 2019. Brown encouraged committee members to attend the listening sessions in order to provide their perspectives as well as to suggest prospective candidates for the position.

Brown said there is a [search information page](#) on the [University of MN Libraries website](#) with updates on the search process. He added that since the search committee had not formally begun meeting yet, there was nothing more to report.

### **3. Statement on Affordable Content**

Duranczyk noted that the committee's finalized [Statement On Affordable Content](#) would be included on the May 2, 2019, University Senate Meeting docket.

### **3. Introduction of Incoming Chair of the Senate Library Committee**

Duranczyk then introduced the 2019-20 SLC Chair, Gautam Ray, professor of information and decision sciences, Carlson School of Management. Ray shared a bit about his background at the

University of Minnesota. He then invited committee members to share their thoughts as to the topics on which they would like the committee to focus on in the upcoming academic year. A lively discussion followed and the interests of the committee coalesced around the following ideas:

- Improve the physical infrastructure and storage space for managing the University libraries' resources and assets.
- Improve information sharing among system campus libraries, and suggest projects that can be worked on collaboratively.
- Can the libraries be hubs for transdisciplinary collaboration and team science? The library system is well positioned to support research analytics and observe patterns of collaboration.
- Many constituents at the University are looking for creative spaces. How could the libraries become centers of content creation and collaboration, with space, equipment, and guidance provided for the students, faculty and staff using the creative spaces.
- The University libraries need to consider *not* being an actual structure; the libraries need to reflect the newest thinking in library science.
- Advancing open access and affordable content strategies -- continue to research affordable content while encouraging a culture of acceptance around the use of it.
- How does technology affect libraries?
- What is a library in the 21st century?
- Support content creation opportunities for students.

Duranczyk thanked the committee for the valuable discussion and called for adjournment.

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