

Southern Connecticut State University

University Library Committee Meeting Minutes

October Meeting: 10-10-2022 (1 – 2 pm) on Teams

Attendees: Zheni Wang (MGT), Steven Brady (BIO), Carrie Michalski (NUR), Cindy Schofield (ILS), Laurie Bonjo (CSP), Amy Smoyer (SWK); Amy Jansen (Business Librarian - Research and Inquiry), Hayley Battaglia (Serials and Electronic Resources Librarian - Technical Service Division), Elizabeth Wilkinson (Archivist - Special Collection Division), Lisa Bier (Interim Library Director)

Absent: Nicholas Fedorchuk (ESC)

Recorder: Zheni Wang

Minutes Approved: 12/12/2022

- 1) Approval of Minutes
Approved with no exceptions from all attendees, Zheni archived the approved minutes on Blackboard.
- 2) Introduction of New Committee Members (5 minutes)
A new member, Laurie Bonjo (GC representative), had been introduced to the committee.

Zheni had reached out to the UCF, GC, Faculty Senate, SGA, GSAC for representing members to be included in the committee meetings and communication; new members from the following campus organizations should be expected to join us soon. Zheni will keep the committee posted for updates on a timely basis for November meeting plans.

- **UG student representative (SGA)**
- **Graduate student representative (GSAC)**
- **An additional faculty member from the College of A&S (Election due 10/14/2022 According to Klay; hopefully have representatives from the humanities and fine art departments)**
- **Two representatives from the faculty senate (Pending Natalie's notification after Senate's meeting on 10/12/2022)**

- 3) Report from Lisa Bier (Interim Director; 15 minutes)
 - (a) Revitalized Special Collection Division
 - (b) Fund Raising Activities
 - (c) Student Advising Board
 - (d) 2022-2023 _ "The Year of Change."

Lisa provided an overall update on library services and achievements from the 2022 summer to October. This year's changes are mainly focused on coping with staffing demands. Several lines of searches, including the library director, are currently in the process of replenishing the staffing due to several retirements that happened in 2021-2022. In addition, ULC members will be invited to join the library staff for the evaluation of the three finalists for the Buley Library Director during their campus visits in Fall 2022. Elizabeth, our new archivist, also

explained the status of [special collections](#) in Buley Library and how both digital and physical archives are focused on recording and restoring SCSU's history. Currently, the special (archive) collection and service are mainly used by the students and faculty members in the history department.

Lisa explained how the Library is operated on a flat budget which has not been changed since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. She also raised the concern about the need to raise more funding to support the operation and service of the Buley Library. In addition, academic journal access through the inter-library loan system can be expanded with the ongoing merge with the SUNY digital journal subscriptions system. Zheni to check with Hayley/Lisa for the ultimate quantitative and qualitative impacts of such a merger.

Cindy inquired about last year's space issue in the Library. Lisa followed up with the progress of returning some of the study rooms to the library system for student use. In addition, one of the study rooms has been turned into Media Room for students to watch multi-media materials in the Buley Library. Hence, ULC will not follow up on this space issue again in 2022-2023.

Carrie checked with Lisa about the print vs. digital textbook issues. Lisa clarified that the Buley Library has been enriching its print textbook holdings via donations from other organizations (such as having the collections from the Multi-cultural Center) on campus, departments (English departments donated over 20 copies of required novels), and individuals (students can donate their funded textbook after using it). However, publishers are now trying not to sell digital textbooks and other supplemental materials (i.e., multi-media cases, additional assessment question banks, etc.) to university libraries as their business model favors students' individual subscription fee.

4) Discussion (30 - 40 minutes):

- (a) How should we enhance library service for our stakeholders' learning, teaching, serving, and researching at SCSU?
- (b) If ULC aims to focus on three critical events for 2022-2023, What should we do?

- **Amy Jansen, the business librarian, voiced out the possibility of exploring multi-channel fundraisings and/or cost-sharing among colleges and schools for a new subscription of an entrepreneurship database that can benefit faculty members in multiple departments and research projects for undergraduate and graduate students. Zheni echoed the possibilities of promoting and cost-sharing on the subscription fee of the [pitchbook](#) data platform. Zheni will try communicating with committee members to explore alternative funding possibilities for this case.**
- **Steve mentioned the need to increase SCSU faculty members' access to top-tier and disciplinary (academic) journals as our provost has visioned and demanded academic excellence in terms of faculty research as well as establishing more graduate academic programs (i.e., Ph.D. and Professional Doctoral programs). Zheni to further investigate the positive impact of the merger with the SUNY**

system for inter-library loans on academic journal access. If needed, Zheni will join efforts with other committee members to seek communication back to the provost's office for alternative solutions.

- Amy Smoyer (UCF rep) asked whether the Buley library needs ULC committee members to bring timely information back to UCF for possible innovation to the UG curriculum management system at SCSU. Lisa provided that the Library staff will prepare [the Buley Bulletin \(newsletter\)](#) by the end of each semester. The most current one is the Spring 2022 Bulletin (see appendix). Zheni suggested that all committee members bring that Bulletin back to their college (school) and departments for information sharing and exploration of potential needs for library services. Lisa also mentioned the importance of contacting the specialized librarians for [a one-on-one meeting](#) to answer questions and provide personalized support.
- Zheni also asked about the Buley Library acting as the institutional agent for faculty members/graduate students who want to publish in open-access journals. Zheni also discussed with Amy Jansen the [IOAP \(institutional open access program\)](#), which could provide a discount for APF (article process fees). Amy Jansen (Lisa) mentioned following up and checking on it for future actions.
- Zheni mentioned the educational resources on copyright (i.e., open-access copyright) that the library has expertise with, which could be used for teaching/learning resources for the student/faculty creators and entrepreneurs. Hayley provided the link for [CSU copyright guide resources](#). Hayley also touched base with Kevin Corcoran, who leads the CSU OER Advisory Council and he said they don't have funds to support a Creative Commons Certification course this summer. However, Creative Commons offers other training opportunities regarding copyright and licensing as well: <https://creativecommons.org/about/cc-trainings/>

5) New business
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