

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Weinberg Memorial Library
Monday, March 21, 2022

The meeting came to order at 11:34 a.m., via Zoom Conference Meeting by Dr. Marian Farrell. She began by congratulating George for accepting the Dean of Library position.

Present: Dean George Aulisio, Prof. Kelly Banyas, Dr. Deborah Budash, Dr. Marzia Caporale, Prof. Marleen Cloutier, Dr. Tracey Collins, Dr. Bryan Crable, Dr. Darryl DeMarzio, Ms. Sharon Finnerty, Dr. Terri Freeman Smith, Prof. Michael Knies, Associate Dean Jean Lenville, Dr. Wendy Mannetti, Prof. Bonnie Markowski, Dr. Robert McCloskey, Dr. William Miller, Prof. Linda Mlodzienski, Prof. Ian O'Hara, Prof. Sylvia Orner, Dr. Kimberly Pavlick, Prof. Sheli Pratt McHugh, Prof. Donna Witek, and Dr. John Zych.

Unable to Attend: Dr. Lori Bruch, Prof. CoPy60001Tc(Zych.)Tj.u2240TD-0002Tc[C]8(o)LO'Himberly

The service will not be staffed and students/patrons will need to self checkout. Because it is self checkout, it will be the first 24/7 food service on campus and will be a major boon to the student experience.

Aramark is responsible for all upkeep and maintenance of the store.

Construction is expected to begin shortly after Finals and for it to open by the fall semester.

Dean Aulisio is investigating whether the Library can get a percentage of the profits.

3. Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the Library are hosting the spring book sale this again year. The dates are April 30 and May 1, 2022, with a preview day on April 29 that is open to current Friends members, and University students and faculty. It's an important fundraiser for the Library so please consider stopping by the sale.

Please coordinate any clean book donations with Melisa Gallo, ILL and Collections Assistant (x6195, melisa.gallo@scranton.edu).

4. 30th Anniversary Celebration

2022 marks the start of the WML 30th Anniversary. We plan on having a kick off event in May where we are renaming or dedicating the Heritage Room to former Dean, Charles Kratz. He will be the guest of honor at the event. The tentative date is May 13th, 2022.

Dean Aulisio also announced that he is also working with Development on the 30th Anniversary fund. The Friends have committed \$75K. That money will go toward updates to the Heritage Room, which we plan on turning into more of a lecture space. The room will have new chairs and a presentation television. We are also looking at new Special Collections exhibit cases as well. The hope is to reveal the renovation plan at the dedication event.

5. Library Positions and Budget

Dean Aulisio met with the Provost and Mr. Ed Steinmetz. He asked for a 6% increase in the collection budget to offset inflation increases. He is hopeful the request will be approved. He also asked for a 3% increase for the Library's general fund and for Media Resources. There may be more of a flat increase rather than a percentage increase. If we do not get a package increase in the collections budget we will have to make more cuts. With the 60K cut last year some resources were cut; however, with the campus shut down we saved money in other areas.

Positions – Dean Aulisio shared a Library reporting structure graph with the Committee. He is working on turning some of the part time positions into full time positions, while some of the other positions have been restructured.

Once Prof. Banyas leaves we will be down to 8 faculty librarians. If that position is frozen, then we will push to have our adjunct librarian return due to the need for additional librarian help.

Prof. Pratt McHugh pointed out that 3 prior positions were no longer on the Provost 2TD0T then

He added that a few of the open positions are now with the Provost who needs to consult with Father Marina before we can move ahead with any searches.

OTHER REPORTS:

1. Future of Iron

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The meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kym Balthazar Fetsko