Library Council Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2023
Held Virtually on Zoom
Start Time: 10:00 am

Agenda:

1. Welcome and introductions (Bradbury)
2. University Librarian updates (Salem)
3. Update on DUL strategic plan – see attached (Salem)
4. Agenda setting for Library Council for the year ahead (Bradbury)

Present: Kyle Bradbury, Rachel Ingold, Misha Angrist, Stave Asher, Bruce Jentleson, Cecilia Marquez, Jonathan Mattingly, Charles Muiruri, Michael Reiter, Julian Liber, Marc Brettler, Ann Saterbak, Tracie Canada, Megan Von Isenburg, Blue Dean, Jameca Dupree, Dracine Hodges, Naomi Nelson, Joseph Salem, Rachel Porter

Absent: Amy Laura Hall, Kimberly Lamm, Harris Solomon, Maria Tackett, Gennifer Weisenfeld, Heather Raslan, Emily Daly, Tim McGeary, Dean Smith

1. Welcome and introductions (Kyle Bradbury)

- Kyle welcomes all and introduced himself as the new chair of Library Council (replacing Patrick Charbonneau).
- After going over the meeting agenda for the day, the Library Council purpose was reviewed for all: "The Library Council advises the University Librarian and the Provost on matters relating to general policy. In addition, it acts as a sounding board for proposed major changes and serves as a communication link between the library and the faculty."
- Request to check membership page and to verify that your name and affiliation are correct: https://library.duke.edu/about/advisory-boards/library-council/members
- Everyone in the zoom meeting then introduced themselves

2. University Librarian updates (Joe Salem)

- Joe did a quick introduction of himself and then provided some library updates before talking about the status of DUL strategic planning
- Lilly Library Expansion and Renovation – At recent BOT meeting the project was approved to move from design and development stage to construction document stage. We are very close with this project getting started and still within our $64M construction budget. We are scheduled to break ground with the year (next Fall) and we feel confident in the projected timeline and our ability to close the close to $7M dollar fundraising gap we currently have.
- We are moving to a new library system. We had been working with an open-source system called FOLIO but we have made the decision to switch to ALMA after a process last year where we reviewed our readiness and FOLIO's readiness and decided to make the switch. We will go live with ALMA in July 2024.

    - Question: *What implications will this have for library users?* It really shouldn't be noticeable on the front end. It will be more stable for us on the back end.
    - Question: *Any budget implications?* Alma does have a higher fee than FOLIO but will save us from other fees and personal costs so in the end it will be mostly budget neutral.
- The library is hosting a 2-day symposium on (76th anniversary of) John Hope Franklin's From Slavery to Freedom: https://sites.duke.edu/fstf2023/
- We are working with the Duke Learning Innovation unit and Ithaka S&R on Generative AI in respect to faculty and researcher use. This is a nation project and needs assessment.
    - Question: This is a major concern in teaching across campus. For faculty who are starting to ask questions about AI, are there any resources or programs to point them to? We have been working with and contributing to Duke Learning Innovation events and have been working with our TRLN colleagues to make sure our staff are on the same page.
    - Comment: *Maybe ask for policy feedback from faculty and what they are doing now for policies in their classes.* This will part of the environmental scan of campus.
    - Discussion of the recent Journal cuts (due to budget cuts): We have ceased our conservative limits to ILL requests. We have been looking at use data and restated Journal access based on requests.

3. Update on DUL strategic plan – (see email attachments) (Salem)

- This has been a major initiative this past year for the library. It also helps us set our agenda for the upcoming is.
- Joe provided an overview of the process and timeline, the draft of the five pillars and emphasis, as well as the relationship of this work with campaign goals.
- We charged a small group in the library, the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC), and hired a consultant to guide us through the process.
- We interviewed and surveyed stakeholders for feedback.
- The output so far are these draft strategic directions:
    - **1. Build collections, think connections.**
    - **2. Welcome, consider, and include everyone. Truly everyone.**
    - **3. Empower Duke researchers in new ways, to meet new challenges.**
    - **4. Take our educational mission to the people.**
    - **5. Invest in organizational wellness.**

- The purpose statements were also shared for each direction. These are currently being refined currently by working groups.
- In addition to the purpose statements, each direction has a series of draft high-level goals.
- -Our plan acknowledges our recognition as a leader in DEIA work at Duke and among our colleagues
    - Question: *Is the objective to start with these high-level goals and then list specific tactics in order to achieve them?* Yes, we are currently sorting

out these goals and then working with the consultant to build an operational plan which will identify specific actions. These draft statements and goals represent where we want to be in 5 years and the operational plan will be updated on an annual basis in order to help us get there.
    - Question: *Number 3, in terms of challenges, where does helping faculty getting their scholarship publish?* We are looking to bolster our scholarly communication center. WE also welcome more feedback on what else we can do.
- Role of the Faculty:
    - Significant Input into the process to date, through both interviews and surveys.
    - Increased emphasis on engagement and role within research, teaching, and learning
    - Partnership opportunities during implementation
- Next Steps
    - Your thoughts on draft framework
    - Revise statements of mission, vision, and values
    - Finalized plan and first year operational plan for 2024
- Comment: *Excited to hear about the efforts being put into Lily and making it a space that Durham community could actually access without all of the parking issues of West Campus.*
- Question*: if we are moving from DEI to DEIA, is there someone who is the point person for accessibility? I needed to discuss this in my class, and found myself going outside of Duke, to a blind former student of mine, to do it.* We may see a position in the future that would be the point person for this.
- Question: *Has the community been engaged in the planning of their use of the library on East?* Not extensively at the moment. We are looking with Stelfanie Williams and her office to make connections. Joe is meeting with the direction of Durham Public Libraries tomorrow. Lilly does serve as our drawl to the public but that has dropped off since the pandemic so it is time to rebuild those connections.
- Question: *The issue seems to come up in the stakeholder feedback that not everyone on campus is aware of the services the library has to offer. Where in the strategic plan is the being addressed?* We hope that communication piece of of the plan will address some of these issues. We have a strong communication department who have a unique voice. A PR campaign will most likely be an outcome of this plan.

4. Agenda setting for Library Council for the year ahead (Bradbury)

- This is meant to be am opportunity to put together our structure for the rest of the year and to identify topic we would like to hear more about. Many have come up in the discussion we have had today.
- Open Access Publishing, AI, have been made so far today

- Joe and Kyle have discussed: State of the library budget, pain points for researchers, the development plan for the library service plan, Space utilization plan for west campus libraries.
- **Question to all:** *Anymore topics of interest?* Creating spaces or events for interdisciplinary interactions between graduate students, class visits to the library.

Adjourn.