

Faculty Senate Library Committee

End-of-Year Report 2018-19

April 18th, 2019

The purpose of the Library Committee is to establish a joint forum at which librarians and faculty meet. It is therefore important to have faculty members represent as many schools and colleges as possible. For the past year, and continuing into 2019-20, the breadth of our base has diminished somewhat: the committee still consists of (9) professors, but representing only (5) different schools or programs. We have not succeeded in attracting candidates from the Sciences, Engineering, Law, Communications, or from Music and Dance, and have not replaced a member from CPH that disappeared this past year. Meetings have been held once a semester that have been attended by members of the library staff, usually several senior members, and always including Joe Lucia, the Dean of University Libraries.

Meetings this past year were held on October 18th, 2018, and March 28th, 2019 (minutes attached). These included updates on the construction of the new Main Library, but have focused more broadly on the programs and features of the new library, as well as topics related to the evolving role of the university library in the 21st Century. The current construction schedule and the plan for moving collections and staff from Paley into the new building continues to promise Fall 2019 for the start of full operations. Formal dedication for a limited group is scheduled for September 12th, 2019, with an opening celebration for the wider campus community planned for later in September. Unfortunately, due to liability concerns, the Committee was not permitted to tour the construction, and made do with a photographic "tour" instead. The building promises to be an exceptional facility.

Dean Lucia noted in the Spring meeting that the Trustees had approved additional funds for support technology in the building, allowing the building to be fully functional upon completion, which is excellent news. One of the key logistical concerns for the start of operations in the Fall is the relocation of the collection from Paley into the new building, including the loading of the ASRS robotic retrieval system. The ASRS is installed, its operations are being tested, and library staff are being trained in its operation. The system will be loaded in parallel with the completion of construction through the spring and into the summer. Dean Lucia also noted that computer facilities in the new Charles Library will be based on mobile computing instead of classrooms with fixed furniture and workstations. The library will make laptop equipment available to students and faculty, and will also have kiosks with power "bricks" to allow computing to occur flexibly anywhere in the building. A policy for the use of the group meeting and collaborative working spaces in the new library is currently in development, intended to allow space reservation and assignment to be transparent and as flexible as possible.

As exciting and evolutionary as the change from Paley to Charles will be, a more fundamental change for the University may be the change in publication access that is underway throughout academia. Dean Lucia noted that the onerous subscription arrangements with the Elsevier (which controls a preponderance of the peer reviewed scientific journals throughout the world) were changed for the coming year due to unsustainably high costs. Instead of a comprehensive package deal, the library will only subscribe to selected journals, and purchase access to other journals only on an as-needed basis. This change is related to resistance to Elsevier's journal monopoly and access pricing throughout the academic world, and a growing trend to support of open access publishing. This shift may also entail a significant change to research validation in the future. Major questions related to open access include digital scholarship, big data in social media, conferring authority in fact and opinion, as well as the dissemination and validation of research. The Committee recommended that the Library host programs on open access publishing for faculty and graduate students in the Fall, and Dean Lucia agreed to do that and to share how the Library is

supporting open journal publication and the archiving of Temple's institutional research. And since the Elsevier problem impacts STEM disciplines disproportionately, it would be good to find members for this Committee representing those disciplines for AY 2019-20.

The Committee would like to explore ways of communicating the substance of these meetings more widely. At the moment, this transfer seems to be limited to reporting that members may do in their respective Collegiate Assemblies, and the filing of these minutes in the Faculty Senate archive.

Lastly, I have been serving as chair of this committee for 6 years since Fall 2013, and feel that it is time for someone else to take over the Committee leadership, now that the building is nearing completion. In previous years, we have not had any volunteers to step up to chair, but this year I did get a tentative agreement from Carol Brandt to take over for 2019-20.

Robert Shuman

Associate Professor, Architecture, Tyler School of Art
Chair 2018/19

Attachments:

Faculty Library Committee Minutes October 18, 2018

Faculty Library Committee Minutes March 28, 2019

Current active faculty members of the Senate Library Committee:

- 2017 Robert Shuman jr. - Tyler – Architecture (Chair 2017/18)
- 2018 Donna M. Snow - TFMA - Theater
- 2018 Carol Brandt - CoE
- 2018 Jose Pereiro-Otero – CLA
- 2018 Adil Khan – LKSM
- 2018 Teresa Cirillo - Fox – Marketing
- 2019 Sergio Ramirez-Franco – CLA
- 2019 Sabina Neugebauer _ COE
- 2019 Steven Newman _ CLA
- 2019 Timothy Patterson _ CoE

Temple University
Faculty Senate Library Committee
Minutes of Meeting held October 18, 2018

Attending:

Steven Bell (University Libraries), recording
Carol Brandt (College of Education)
Teresa Cirillo (Fox School – Marketing)
Adil Khan (School of Medicine)
Joe Lucia, *ex officio*, (Dean, University Libraries)
Mary Rose Muccie (Temple Library Press)
Steven Newman (College of Liberal Arts)
Jose Pereiro-Otero (College of Liberal Arts)
Sergio Ramirez-Franco (Spanish & Portuguese)
Caitlin Shanley (University Libraries elected AAL representative)
Robert Shuman, Jr. (Center for the Arts – Architecture)

Not Present: Sabina Neugebauer (CoE)

Chair Robert Shuman called the meeting to order at 12:05. As there has been some change among committee members, each attendee introduced themselves.

Dean Lucia provided an update on the progress of the new Charles Library. The project is on schedule so that the building will become available to us in May 2019. Move-in would take place during June and July 2019. The building would be open in August 2019 and fully ready for the fall semester. Dean Lucia shared his experience being inside the building and how things are looking. There is still a great deal of interior work coming, but the plan is to have the exterior fully closed before winter sets in. Other work involves decisions about the information technology going into the building (e.g., devices, computers, etc.). There is also considerable activity to plan for the move of materials and personnel to the new building. Tentatively there may be a period when we will have to close the Paley building or significant sections of it to facilitate the move. It will likely include closing access to the existing collections and SCRC. Committee members wanted to know who will be impacted. Notice will be given to enable faculty to borrow materials for summer courses.

Another issue shared by Dean Lucia is our subscription with Elsevier, the provider of many journal titles. This is a multi-million dollar cost to the Libraries. We are planning to take control of this arrangement by moving away from our current “big package” deal. Instead we would be acquiring titles on an individual basis. This will have a more significant impact on STEM fields. Many research libraries are taking a similar approach in the face of unchecked escalation of subscription costs do the lack of alternative access to key publications. Committee members suggested doing a presentation for the faculty senate about journal costs and why we are making this change. The observation was made that under the RCM system, would those departments that are heavier users of these journals take on more responsibility for their costs. Dean Lucia noted there are

complexities related to that because it is difficult to obtain usage data per journal. (rather than “unit costs”)

Professor Cirillo shared, from the faculty senate steering committee, a Provost’s office initiative concerning retired faculty. How could retired faculty volunteer to help serve the University? Is there a space in the new Charles Library where these retired faculty could work out of? Dean Lucia shared that there could be a space in the building that might work for this, but he would want to give it some thought to see what the possibilities might be. The new library is conceptually planned so that space is flexible to enable use by as many constituencies as possible.

There was an extended conversation around the role of the evolving academic library in the 21st century culture in general and at Temple University in particular. This was in reference to an update on Dean Lucia’s “Invitation to the Future” message to the faculty. Issues discussed or referenced included questions of digital citizenship, big data in social media, authority with regard to fact and opinion, and the dissemination of validated research.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.

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Steven Bell (University Libraries), recording
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Teresa Cirillo (Fox School – Marketing)
Adil Khan (School of Medicine)
Joe Lucia, *ex officio*, (Dean, University Libraries)
Sabina Neugebauer (CoE)
Jose Pereiro-Otero (College of Liberal Arts)
Caitlin Shanley (University Libraries elected AAL representative)
Robert Shuman, Jr. (Center for the Arts – Architecture)
Donna Snow (The School of Theater, Film and Media Arts, guest)

Not Present:

Steven Newman (College of Liberal Arts)
Mary Rose Muccie (Temple Library Press)
Sergio Ramirez-Franco (Spanish & Portuguese)
Tim Patterson (College of Education)

Chair Robert Shuman called the meeting to order at 12:06.

Dean Lucia welcomed the Committee members. He shared that although he wanted to arrange a tour of the Charles Library for the Committee, it was not possible owing to the Project Delivery Group's tightening of tours of the building.

Alternately, Dean Lucia provided an update on the progress of the building, particularly where there are changes to the building plans. Delivery of the building should be in July, but we'll have early access in May for the collection move. A limited number of staff will be allowed in the building to load books into the automated storage and retrieval system (ASRS). Dean Lucia shared a set of slides to offer a view of how the interior is progressing.

The Board of Trustees did allocate an additional \$5.8 million to support technology in the building. In the next month the outside details such as landscaping and hardscaping will be installed, with much of the work happening in the summer. There will be a formal dedication of limited attendance for donors and officials on September 12. Later in September there will be an opening celebration for the campus community.

The significant challenge currently is the move of library materials into the ASRS. The system is installed, it is being tested and staff are receiving training. Staff are also working on the logistics of moving the books to Charles and ingestion into the ASRS. Brandt asked about the amount of computer usage per day in Paley. Dean Lucia indicated that there is a significant amount of computer in Paley Library. He mentioned that Charles will offer a computer solution based on mobile computing, with computers and

power bricks in kiosks. That allows for more flexibility than would be possible with many hardwired computers. Cirillo asked a question about how requests for visitation or usage of spaces in the building would be handled. Dean Lucia indicated a usage policy was in development and that we are considering rental fees for some spaces. These policies should clearly communicate what spaces are available and how they may be used. Dean Lucia then gave a photographic tour of the building. There were some questions about the ASRS, study rooms, spaces for faculty, etc.

Dean Lucia then shared the shift in our subscription with the Elsevier publishing company from which we obtain many journal subscriptions. Faculty may have heard about the recent decision by the University of California to terminate its subscriptions with Elsevier owing to escalating costs and restrictive open access policies. Temple Libraries has radically restructured our own subscription so that we no longer subscribe to a “big package deal” at a set cost. That cost was being increased and subject to long term contracts. Instead we will only subscribe to select journals, which should cover 80%-90% of the journals our faculty need. For others that we don’t have access to we’ll invite faculty to order articles on an individual basis. We also did not want to have to sign a non-disclosure statement about our ability to share our costs with other libraries. We anticipate that this will have minimal disruption to faculty, but we are ready to respond to any concerns related to journal article access. Brandt recommended that the library should host a program on open access for our graduate students. Dean Lucia indicated that we can do that, and shared how the libraries are supporting open access in multiple capacities (e.g., open journal publication, an institutional repository, etc). The world of scholarly publishing is undergoing significant shift and Temple Libraries is a part of the change process.

Chair Shuman reminded the Committee members to share this report with their collegial assemblies so that more faculty will be alert to the changes in the scholarly publishing environment.

Chair Shuman asked for a Committee member called for a volunteer to take over as Chair of the Committee. Please contact him directly about serving as the Chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.