

**FINAL Minutes**  
**Faculty Senate Library Advisory Committee**  
**February 24, 2023**

**Attending:** Susan Beck, Meg Goehring, Kevin Comerford, Ellen Bosman, Christopher Brown, Rich Pratt, John Zhu, David Irvin, Haleigh Haven, Lori Saiki, Beth Apodaca, Kim Lopez Gallagher, and Cynthia Wise

- I. Introduction of new members
- II. Revision of FSLAC Bylaws
  - a. See attached revisions
    - i. Proposal: vote to adopt with revision (Rich; Susan seconded)
    - ii. Vote to approve: unanimous
- III. Officer Posts for FSLAC
  - a. Meg Goehring nominated to be Vice Chair for 2023-2025; vote to approve: unanimous
  - b. Haleigh Haven, nominated to be Secretary for 2023-2025; vote to approve: unanimous
- IV. Discussion on offering worship/meditation space in library
  - a. A request from a group of Muslim students was submitted to library leadership about designating a space in the libraries for prayer/meditation, as the Spiritual Center was a fair distance away.
  - b. As a pilot project, the library designated an under-utilized alcove (originally used for re-shelving books, but no longer necessary)
    - i. Policy needs to be put into place for this space
    - ii. Proposal: This should be left up to library leadership to determine; they will research policies regarding the campus Spiritual Center as well as what other libraries have instituted for such purposes (Susan; Kevin)
- V. Dean's Report (Kevin)
  - a. The library is in the process of hiring several positions
    - i. Department Head for Library Systems has been hired (Jason Bengtson)
    - ii. Interviews are underway for DH for Reference/Research services
    - iii. Applications are being accepted for Emerging Technology Librarian
    - iv. Reposting job opening for DH for Access Services
    - v. Search committee in formation for
      1. Ethnic Studies/Outreach Librarian (to support initiatives with BEST)
      2. Instructional Coordinator
  - b. Student Resources
    - i. New digital signs have been installed, 3 in each library
    - ii. New furniture installed in Zuhl lobby
    - iii. In progress
      1. New information desks for Zuhl and Branson

2. New furniture for Zuhl 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> floors, Branson atrium and staff lounge
3. Podcast studio in Branson (anticipated Fall 2023 opening)
- iv. Emerging Technologies Lab: two 3D scanners in operation, training completed
- c. Outreach:
  - i. March 28<sup>th</sup> the Library will be hosting a Chicano programs event, and evening with El Paso author, Gris Muñoz
  - ii. Library dashboard has links announcing new databases, subscriptions, etc
    1. ACTION: next FSLAC meeting, John Sandstrom will be invited to review all the new purchases
- d. Collections:
  - i. Student Fee request submitted: \$315k, same as last year
  - ii. Article Galaxy to be made available to Grad students and Honors students (outreach needed to let them know)
- e. Library Infrastructure
  - i. LIBSAFE Digital Preservation System is in the progress of being implemented
  - ii. Working on procuring Digital Commons
    1. Demonstration has been scheduled in March for the deans, and will later be made available to others
- VI. Discussions: Institutional support for faculty who are being charged article processing fees, especially from Open Access journals
  - a. Average fee is around \$2k
  - b. We agreed we need a means for supporting untenured faculty, at the least
    - i. The Institutional Repository (see dean's report, infrastructure) might help with this
- VII. Other items
  - a. Homework for next meeting: members will brainstorm ideas for getting students into the libraries
  - b. David Irvin: plans to perform a User Experience review this year, and will need users for the study

Next meetings proposed:

- Friday, March 31
- Friday, April 28