

Meeting Minutes
Faculty Senate Library Advisory Committee
March 8, 2024

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Call to Order: 1:00pm

Present: Christopher Brown, Margret Goehring, Haleigh Haven, Beth Apodaca, Jianjun Zhu, Susan Beck, Kevin Comerford, Lori Saiki, John P Mullen, Marshall Taylor, Ellen Bosman, Kim Lopez Gallagher, Richard Pratt, Caitriana Steele, David Irvin (Ex-Officio)

Absent: Isaac Moreno-Carrillo, Karen Kopera-Frye

- I. Introduction of all members
- II. Early thoughts on a vision for Library for next 5 years - Dean Comerford
 - a. Started strategic planning exercise in Fall 2022, needs to be revived.
 - i. Feedback/Goal Category feedback from departments was conducted, such as measurements and contributors of success, involvement, what is missing, etc. Will be conducted again when revived to better align library with pivotal goals of NMSU.
 - b. Student Resources and Services
 - i. Online services such as improving online user experience (study occurring) including uniform interface design, AI-enabled chat, search, and retrieval across multiple publisher platforms, and digital collections UI.
 - ii. Program Partnerships expansion such as hiring of Outreach and Ethnic Studies Librarian to serve as liaison between ethnic studies and library as well as strengthening outreach to these students. Eowyn Kerr Di Carlo has been hired – Per Meg Goehring
 - iii. Emerging Technologies Learning Lab such as expanding training programs and workshops (3D scanning coming up), done training, planning for video studio (Branson 3rd floor), and evaluating 2nd ETL (Zuhl 2nd floor).
 - iv. Adding more spaces for students to study in groups via remodeling existing group study spaces in 2024, expanding group study rooms to E 2nd floor Zuhl, and evaluating new spaces for doctoral/graduate students like carrells.
 - v. Creating more open study spaces within stacks as well as creating “reading room” nooks.

- vi. Enlarging classroom and meeting spaces by expanding Zuhl classrooms and access.
- c. Library Collections
 - i. Archives and Special Collections will continue growing at a regular rate, needing to shrink general collections to free space for archives (remedied via digital collections and scanning), library will invest in means of digital preservation. Print holdings will grow regarding specific non-U.S. countries.
 - ii. General Collections will continue growing in the realm of electronic and technological means.
 - iii. Investigating license sharing opportunities between main campus and branch campus libraries
 - iv. Optimizing Ex Libris is priority.
- d. Open Access
 - i. Institutional Repository (Digital Commons) will be a university-wide hub and resource to promote open access and distribution.
 - ii. Creating a library Article Processing Charge (APC) fund will expand access and quality of resources.
- e. Expanding East side of Zuhl Library and the Branson Library (In attached slides), concepts drawn up, just needing funding in order to move into creating a more detailed/up-to-date plan. No start date on construction, just visualizations of library if restructured and altered.
- f. Facilities
 - i. Deferred Maintenance needing to be addressed such as Branson (1955+) such as HVAC, plumbing, electrical, and Zuhl (1992+) such as elevators and carpet. Needing capital funding for the DLR Upgrade and these deferred Maintenance issues.
- g. Need to keep legislators and administration aware of the needs of the library system, specifically for Zuhl/Branson remodeling and upgrades.
 - i. Dean Comerford had spoken to NMSU Foundation about promoting capital fundraising campaign for Branson HVAC, Foundation was hesitant, likely no.
 - ii. Private donations are a possible avenue, progressing into legislature and showing these attempts to offset a fraction of their costs.
 - iii. Linking the Zuhl/Branson projects could be feasible depending on the amount of support and/or strategy employed.
 - iv. Marshall Taylor advised Dean Comerford to go and speak to the University Research Council and the Research Development Group (RDG includes the ADR and covers Congressionally directed spending, this project sounds like a great candidate for funding consideration), Taylor will facilitate invitations for him.

- v. John P Mullen asked if cost recovery has been conducted, Dean Comerford said the report provided by facilities did not include cost recovery component, mentioned that this could be included as well.

- III. Update on Open Access models and APC (article processing charges) - Susan
 - a. Link to proposition: <https://facultysenate.nmsu.edu/propositions/2023-2024/07-2324.html>
 - b. Proposition 7-23/24 was passed through Faculty Senate to call for NMSU leadership to establish a fund for open access article publishing/processing charges for tenured, tenure-eligible, and non-tenure-track faculty, research scientist, research scholars, research center directors, and librarians.
 - c. Has progressed to administration to review and act – expecting answer from President and Provost in next month.
 - d. Suggested the establishment of a committee to review applications placed for APC funding, could be managed by library.
 - e. The cost of publishing/processing charges is growing exponentially and presenting a greater challenge to the above listed individuals, needs to be addressed and assisted.

- IV. Update on outreach efforts by Library Faculty and Staff – Library faculty leading all
 - a. Open House was a success and had good participation.
 - b. Working with diversity programs to attempt to get more diversity programming created.
 - c. Just wrapped up Black history month project with NMSU Black Programs.
 - d. Books that inspired were a great success and had much attention.
 - e. Dr. Justin Ballenger was hosted last week during Research and Creativity Week, it went well.
 - f. Learn a Palooza was participated in by the library, 3D printed bookmarks were made to press the Emerging Tech Lab info, all 250 bookmarks were given away and was a hit with students and guests.
 - g. Expanding outreach to middle and high school students through 4/5-week literacy programs.
 - h. Ingesting RCW documentation into digital commons, David Irvin will be contacting Marshall Taylor.
 - i. Online Services Librarian for NMSU Global/Online student position has been established by Beth Apodaca and David Irvin, beginning search soon.
 - j. NEH funded Amador Family Correspondence digital project recently received the Special Projects Award from The Conference of Inter-Mountain Archivists (CIMA)
 - k. The library was recently selected as a site for the American Library Association/U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum traveling exhibit entitled

“Americans and the Holocaust: A Traveling Exhibition for Libraries.” The exhibit is scheduled for August 19 – September 30, 2026

1. Workshops are coming up on data visualization, predatory publishing, etc.
- V. Efforts to get students back into the Library
- a. The technology and facilities are excellent, just missing students – How can we involve them more?
 - b. Lack of students in library is a symptom of decrease of students on campus outside of class hours, as observed by Marshall Taylor when he was on campus in 2019. Campus has become a bit “sleepy” due to the larger issue of reduced “hanging out” occurring on the NMSU campus, in part due to digitization of classes, materials, etc.
 - c. Susan stated that references have seen an increased amount of traffic, suggested that we all share our numbers on student traffic and such at the next meeting to compare them.
 - d. Continue encouraging faculty to walk students through library as well as considering possibility of events like “power-hour” where students can receive coffee or other items from the library to fuel them.
 - e. How can we work to re-engage students and create greater excitement around the library and all it has to offer?
- VI. Other items of Discussion
- a. Homework for next meeting – Bring ideas to involve students and increase engagement with library system (Events, Incentives, Partnerships, etc)
 - b. Christopher Brown will engage with ASNMSU Representative and Dean of Students to get more student participation in FSLAC meetings to expand brainstorming.
- VII. Next meeting
- a. In April, will determine day/time via email amongst the committee members.

Adjourned: 2:05pm



Haleigh Haven
FSLAC Secretary