

Faculty Senate Library Committee

End-of-Year Report 2015-16

May 3, 2016

The purpose of the Library Committee is to establish a joint forum at which librarians and faculty meet. For the past year, and continuing into 2016-17, we have been maintaining a broad base: the committee now consists of (13) faculty, representing (10) different schools or programs. Meetings have been held once a semester that have also been attended by members of the library staff, including Joe Lucia, Dean of University Libraries.

Meetings this past year were held twice in the Fall Semester and once in the Spring Semester. Discussion this year has included the design progress of the new Main Library as a significant topic. However, the major topic explored with the Dean this year has been an exploration of the Library's current and potential roles in scholarly communication and publishing. To that end, meetings this year have also included Mary Rose Muccie from the Temple University Press. The issues surrounding this topic seem to the Committee to be of very high importance for the University, for reasons that range from support of Faculty research to validation of standards of scholarship to the disproportionate impact of scholarly journal subscriptions on the Library's operating budget. Trends in open access publishing including open textbook initiatives may be altering the landscape of scholarly publishing in significant ways. Because of the importance of these issues, the Library has created the new position of Library Publishing and Scholarly Communications Specialist, and has hired Annie Johnson a CLIR fellow at Lehigh University to fill this position. The Committee would like to bring some of this discussion to the Faculty Senate in the 2016-17 calendar year.

Robert Shuman
Associate Professor of Architecture
Chair 2015/16

Current members of the Senate Library Committee (appointment dates to be confirmed):

- Dieter Forster – College of Science and Technology - Physics
- 2015 David Elesh, CLA – Sociology
- 2015 Robert Shuman jr. - Tyler School of Art – Div. of Architecture and Environmental Design
- 2015 Paul Swann - Center for the Arts - Film
- 2015 Jacqueline Volkman Wise - Fox School – Risk, Insurance
- 2016 Donna M. Snow - Center for the Arts - Theater
- 2016 Elvis Wagner - Education – Teaching and Learning
- 2016 Adil Khan – School of Medicine
- 2017 Aron Wahrman – School of Medicine
- 2017 Carol Brandt – College of Education
- 2018 Teresa Cirillo – Fox School – Marketing
- 2018 Jose Pereiro-Otero – College of Liberal Arts
- 2018 Jill Luedke – University Libraries (AAL representative)
- 2018 Mark Weir – College of Public Health

Attachments: Minutes of the 10.22.15 and 04.06.16 Meetings

Temple University
Faculty Senate Library Committee
Minutes of Meeting held October 22, 2015

Attending:

Steven Bell (University Libraries), recording
Teresa Cirillo (Fox School – Marketing)
David Elesh (CLA, Sociology)
Dieter Forster (Physics – College of Science and Technology)
Adil Khan (School of Medicine)
Jill Luedke (University Libraries elected AAL representative)
Joe Lucia, *ex officio*, (Dean, University Libraries)
Jose Pereiro-Otero (College of Liberal Arts)
Robert Shuman, Jr. (Center for the Arts – Architecture)
Donna Snow (Theater, Film and Media Arts)
Paul Swann (Center for the Arts - Film)
Jacqueline Volkman-Wise (Fox School – Risk, Insurance)
Elvis Wagner (Education – Teaching and Learning)
Aron Wahrman (School of Medicine)
Mark Weir (College of Public Health)

Not Present: Carol Brandt (College of Education)

Guest: Mary Rose Muccie (Temple University Press)

Chair Shuman began the meeting with a round of introductions since there are several new members.

Dean Lucia welcomed all members and invited them to be engaged with the committee in advising the library and working with us to manage challenging situations, such as three consecutive years with no budget increase. It will eventually impact on our ability to support the university's teaching and research missions in a sustainable way. Members were invited to attend the formal opening of the new Digital Scholarship Center.

Dean Lucia has invited Mary Rose Muccie to provide an update on the Temple University Press and to address some of the challenges in the scholarly publishing environment. Since there is not a likelihood of an increase in funding from the university, the library has been using its budget to help support the Press. We need to consider what the future of the Press is. What should we be doing with the Press, and how to assure it has a sustainable future? How do we make a case to the Deans?

Mary Rose Muccie provided background on the Press, its activities, staff and accomplishments. The Press does not publish only Temple authors. The Press supports student learning through internships and outreach to undergraduate courses. The Press is also looking into app development as a new business opportunity. Can we develop new revenue streams from existing projects? The Press is expanding collaborations beyond

Temple and is working with the Free Library of Philadelphia and the Pennsylvania Historic Association. Muccie then outlined several challenges facing the Press, the most significant of which is limited resources requiring subvention from the University and Library. A decline in academic libraries purchasing scholarly monographs from University Presses and the reduction in student purchasing of supplemental texts has dramatically impacted the market for Press books. Muccie shared several new initiatives being undertaken at the national level to promote innovation in scholarly publishing. For example, home institutions' funding of faculty books with university presses, underwriting the cost of the first monograph or subsequent books, and then making a digital copy available in open access format. Mellon Foundation is notable for supporting projects that will potentially create change in scholarly publishing. While there have been some occurrences of Universities eliminating their Presses, there is usually some backlash that encourages a reversal of these closures. At Temple, where the Press reports to the Library, the focus for the past two years has been on developing a synergy between the two - and to work together, and with other institutions where the Press reports to the Library - to develop a roadmap for the future of scholarly publishing.

Chair Shuman asked how this related to scholarly journal publishing. Muccie said the key impact of rising journal costs on Presses is that libraries must reduce their book budgets in order to support increased costs for scholarly journals. Shuman asked if the Library-Press relationship could help to create some change in journal publishing. The challenge according to Muccie is that mass is required to succeed as a journal publisher. The Temple Press publishes two journal titles. That's not nearly enough to support a journal operation. Supporting an open access journal in the humanities is difficult since the authors rarely have funding to support the journal.

David Elesh commented on some of the changes he has seen in the scholarly journal publishing industry that has benefitted the publishers at the expense of academia. Dean Lucia shared some information about these highly profitable journal publishers. Academic libraries need to subscribe to support research.

Mark Weir shared previous experience with a disciplinary wiki that supported the publication of multiple types of scholarly output that could then be made openly accessible, with print versions made available through the MSU Press.

There was consensus that the Temple Press is highly recognized for its reputation and publications, but it is often not recognized within the University. We need to find ways to leverage this to promote Temple University and its media assets. Others commented on the RCM model and the challenges it is presenting in the support of new initiatives. There will be a Press presentation to the Deans in a few weeks and perhaps this issue will be addressed.

Dean Shuman suggested that the Committee should come back to this issue and focus more on scholarly journal open access issues and the Press-Library partnership on scholarly communication and library publishing.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm

Temple University
Faculty Senate Library Committee
Minutes of Meeting held April 6, 2016

Attending:

Steven Bell (University Libraries), recording
Carol Brandt (College of Education)
Teresa Cirillo (Fox School – Marketing)
Dieter Forster (Physics – College of Science and Technology)
Adil Khan (School of Medicine)
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Joe Lucia, *ex officio*, (Dean, University Libraries)
Jose Pereiro-Otero (College of Liberal Arts)
Robert Shuman, Jr. (Center for the Arts – Architecture)
Jacqueline Volkman-Wise (Fox School – Risk, Insurance)
Mark Weir (College of Public Health);

Not Present: Elvis Wagner (Education – Teaching and Learning); David Elesh (CLA, Sociology); Donna Snow (Theater, Film and Media Arts); Paul Swann (Center for the Arts - Film); Aron Wahrman (School of Medicine)

Guest: Mary Rose Muccie (Temple University Press)

Dean Lucia asked the group to recall the fall semester's two meetings that focused on scholarly communication and library publishing issues – and wanting to bring the two together. To bring those two together we created a new position for Library Publishing and Scholarly Communications Specialist. We hired Annie Johnson, a CLIR fellow at Lehigh University, to fill this position. This allows us to create some new projects, such as an undergraduate research journal. She will be active in connecting with faculty through outreach efforts to systematically develop projects to create awareness about how the scholarly publishing world is changing.

Chair Shuman asked to what extent this is a priority in the library and institution. Dean Lucia shared that other institutions have worked with the faculty senate to produce open access resolutions. We are setting up an infrastructure to facilitate that. Foster asked about our relationship with scholarly publishers and how we manage that as we try to rethink how we approach scholarly publishing. Dean Lucia shared some initiatives that are underway that would allow us to participate in a national conversation. Steven Bell shared some developments in the open textbook environment and national initiatives. Mark Weir asked several questions about how this works and in what ways might faculty be rewarded for these efforts. Is it scholarship, teaching or service? Those are issues that need to be considered and Bell mentioned that there is a Temple University Textbook Affordability Task Force looking into these issues.

Chair Shuman suggested that the FSCL could take this back to the Senate so that library publishing and scholarly communications could be a discussion topic, to be led by Dean Lucia, at a fall meeting of the Senate.

Chair Shuman announced that he is in his third year of chairing the committee and asked for a current member to consider taking over as the chair in the next academic year.

Dean Lucia shared architect renderings of the exterior and interior of the new library building.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm