Virginia Commonwealth University
VCU Libraries Advisory Committee
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Thursday, January 26, 2023, 2:00-3:00 pm

Attending
Jean Bailey, Matt Bogenschutz, Eric Campbell, Jennie Cook, Ywone Edwards-Ingram, Catherine Ingrassia (chair), Inho “Richard” Jho, Pratyush Narayan, Chineme Onukwughara, Doug Pugh, Valerie Robnolt, Christy Tyndall, Anusha Vaddi, Dayanjan (Shanaka) Wijesinghe

Absent
Yunus Bidav, Leila Brinegar, Frank Gulla, Rachel Cloutier, Laurie Cathers

VCU Libraries Staff
Jimmy Ghaphery, Irene Herold, Teresa Knott, Tammy Sugarman, Trudi Batiste (recording secretary), Emily Hurst (guest), Emily Davis-Winthorp (guest)

Business

Review and approval of agenda
At 2:00 p.m, Chair Ingrassia opened the meeting. The meeting agenda was approved as presented.

Review and approval of minutes
The meeting minutes from November 10, 2022 were approved as presented.

Reports and Discussion

In their presentation, Emily Hurst and Emily Davis Winthrop provided an introduction and overview of the Strategic Action Plan 2028. The nine goals of the plan include:

- Open and Affordable Course Content Funding
- Friends Of Library Scholarship
- Transformational Spaces
- External Funding Activity
- Advance Research through Equitable Discovery, Diverse Collections, and Sustainable Infrastructure
- REAL Experiences and Internships
- Advance Student Holistic Well Being
- Community Engagement
- Foster a Healthy and Successful Learning Organization
The task force plans to meet next week to incorporate feedback into the plan goals. Please submit your feedback to Emily Hurst - ejhurst@vcu.edu

VCU Libraries Update (Herold)
Dr. Herold reported that Springer Nature (VCUL bundled subscription) is up for renewal soon. Additionally, she noted that there are agreements between VCU Libraries and VIVA, Virginia's academic library consortium, that allow VCU authors to obtain full coverage or discounts for author publishing charges (APCs) for open access publishing.

In her remarks, Dr. Herold praised Nina Exner’s excellent work on creating the LibGuide on the NIH new data management and sharing policy.

Dr. Herold provided the following facilities updates:

- Gender-inclusive restrooms – the work at Cabell has been completed. We are waiting on a certificate of occupancy and locks.
- Reflection Room – The cost of the project came in higher than anticipated. We are seeking additional funding from donors to fully support the project.
- Workshop ventilation – The December round of bids resulted in only one very high proposal. The walkthrough for a new round of bids with an expanded pool of general contractors was Friday Jan 13. The new bids will be due on Jan 26.
- Preservation Lab – Despite scaling back from previous plans, there will be water in the space for deionization and humidification.
- Health Sciences Library - Over the winter break, a fan coil froze and burst, flooding three floors of the library. As we work to refresh and repair damaged areas, some spaces will be offline until the end of February.

Christy Tyndall expressed condolences on behalf of Honors College for the loss of Cindy Jackson and acknowledged Cindy’s incredible contributions to VCU Libraries. Contributions in Cindy’s memory may be made to VCU Libraries’ Special Collections & Archives Fund. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Announcements: February 23rd VCU Libraries Black History Month Lecture at 7 pm in Cabell 303.

Upcoming Events: VLAC will meet in-person on April 20, 2023. Details to follow.

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