Virginia Commonwealth University  
VCU Libraries Advisory Committee  
Thursday, September 21, 2023, 2:00-3:00 pm

Attending  
Jean Bailey, Keith Baker, Matt Bogenschutz, Eric Campbell, Ywone Edwards-Ingram, Frank Gulla, Catherine Ingrassia (chair), Inho “Richard” Jho, Lillian Lewis, Doug Pugh, Stacey Reynolds, Sarah Steele

Absent  
Yunus Bidav, Tracye Proffitt, Valerie Robnolt, Christy Tyndall, Anusha Vaddi, Dayanjan (Shanaka) Wijesinghe

VCU Libraries Staff  
Laura Gariepy, Jimmy Ghaphery, Irene Herold, Tammy Sugarman, Trudi Batiste (recording secretary) Absent: Kathy Bradshaw, Teresa Knott

Business  
At 2:04 pm, Chair Ingrassia opened the meeting and both new and returning members to VLAC. The meeting agenda was approved as presented. The minutes from April were reviewed and approved as presented.

Reports and Discussion

VCU Libraries Overview and Update  
Dean Irene Herold greeted VLAC members and provided a brief overview of VCU Libraries’ mission statement and the role of VLAC. She also discussed VCU Libraries' Strategic Framework and our priorities and timeline for the next 18 months. For the full presentation, please see the slide deck.

Springer Nature Update  
During her presentation, Tammy Sugarman (Associate Dean for Collections, Discovery, & Budget) provided an update on the recent Springer Nature negotiations. VIVA has negotiated a two-year agreement beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2025 so VCU will retain access to Springer journals until December 31, 2025. As a result of this new agreement, VCU Libraries saved approximately $100,000. See slide deck here.

VIVA Overview/Resources  
Jimmy Ghaphery (Associate Dean for Scholarly Communications & Publishing) discussed VIVA and how it has contributed to the success of VCU Libraries and other Virginia academic libraries. VIVA is the consortium of 71 academic libraries within the Commonwealth of Virginia.
For more than 25 years, VIVA has created significant cost savings through cooperative purchasing, resource sharing, and open and affordable course content initiatives.

**Upcoming Events**
Dean Herold announced VCU Libraries’ upcoming events:
- Ornithologist and wildlife ecology professor at Clemson University J. Drew Lanham, Ph.D., will deliver VCU Libraries’ 2023 Social Justice Lecture. September 28, 2023, 7pm - 9pm
- Tess Gunty, winner of the 2023 VCU Cabell First Novelist Award for "The Rabbit Hutch,” November 16, 2023, 7pm - 9pm.

The meeting adjourned at 3:04pm

**Informational Links**
- VLAC Charge
- VCU Mission Statement and Strategic Framework
- Strategic Action Plan 2028
- Center for Teaching and Learning
- Generative AI
- VCU apparel

**Future VLAC Meetings**
VLAC meets 2:00-3:00pm via Zoom on the following dates:
- January 18, 2024
- April 11, 2024