



# VCU Libraries

## 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, VCUL 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.



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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](#)

[VCUL Mission Statement and Strategic Framework](#)

[Strategic Action Plan 2028](#)

[Center for Teaching and Learning](#)

[Generative AI](#)

[VCUL apparel](#)

## Future VLAC Meetings

VLAC meets 2:00-3:00pm via Zoom on the following dates:

- [January 18, 2024](#)
- [April 11, 2024](#)