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Subject: LOSAC February Minutes

Good morning,

Although LOSAC did not meet in January or February due to lack of new business, we still felt obliged to reach out and provide links to the OSC Minutes that would usually accompany our own. Below is also a quick summary of the Library Advisory Committee's January meeting which I will continue to attend in Crystal's stead during her maternity leave:

- The Dean reported on the budget remaining unchanged since November, the Black Oral History Project that [by the time of writing this] will have begun conducting interviews, and the Libraries' COVID archive which is still encouraging donations (please contact Sarah Cain if you would like to contribute).
- Leanne VandeCreek informed us that the library has begun a new partnership with DoIT and Faculty Development to install a One Button Design Studio. This will be used to record lectures, allow for green screen and in-person interviews. Eventually, this will be available to faculty and students as part of the wider Learning Commons initiative. Associate Dean VandeCreek also provided an update on the Research and Artistry events series: the next event will be "Combating COVID" on February 17th at noon. There is a general call for suggestions from anyone interested in sharing their research.
- Hao Phan gave an overview of the SEA collection both at NIU and the SEA Digital Library.
- Gwen Gregory gave a rundown of the Dime Novels symposium which drew over 130 participants over the course of a 2-night event. Lesson plans are available on the symposium website. Associate Dean Gregory also reported that the library is coordinating an assessment of support for graduate programs to see where graduate students can be better supported.
- E-book vs. Print book Discussion: Generally speaking, just about everyone agreed that they enjoy print for personal reading but see the advantages of e-books for students and in professional work. Justina Clayburn and Rebecca Hunt both mentioned that with the way some books are digitized, there are no page numbers, and this makes it difficult for students to cite. Therese Arado commented on how publishers have the ability to provide more functionality (indexes, tables) and have been doing so, noting that ProQuest especially has made the digital experience more user-friendly. Dean Barnhart stated that in the normal days to come, the library is still struggling with whether to get a print or digital copy of a book first, or if they should be purchased in tandem. He further mused that there may be a generational divide, and Brian Hart agreed that there is but due more to necessity than desire. Associate Dean VandeCreek mentioned that professors are encouraged to reach out to their subject specialist librarian to see if e-books can be purchased although they can sometimes have limitations too which Associate Dean Gregory explained further (access codes, expenses to cover all users, etc.)

[OSC January 2021 Agenda](#)

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Minutes for either month are not available yet, but [will be found here](#) once posted.

This e-mail will be posted to Blackboard in lieu of our February Minutes. The Suggestion Submission Form via Blackboard is also available. Our next scheduled meeting is March 10th, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. on Teams. And as always, please feel free to contact a LOSAC representative if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Thank you,
LOSAC

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Joanna Kulma, Vice-Chair
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