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Minutes of the regular meeting of the LOSAC committee

Date: March 10th, 2021

Time: 1:30pm

Teams Meeting

Present: Tristan Draper (Chair), Joanna Kulma (Vice Chair), Tina Maxwell (Historian), Sarah Carli (Secretary & acting LAC representative).

I. Old Business

Approval of Agenda

The agenda for March 10th, 2021 was approved.

Archival Review

- i. Agenda 12/9/20: Ready to be archived.
- ii. Minutes 12/9/20: Ready to be archived.
- iii. Unofficial Minutes 2/22/21: Ready to be archived.

LOSAC Blackboard Suggestion Box

No submissions received.

Other

Tristan mentioned a suggestion we received last year regarding committees talking about what they did in the previous year and holding a small recognition for them. Joanna suggested combining this with FLA's end-of-April meeting where individual employee recognition is set to take place. Everyone agreed that this was a good idea.

II. New Business

Department Heads

No meeting held.

LAC

Dean Barnhart reported that the budget for fiscal year 2022 is currently being planned and he is looking to accommodate some monographs but purchasing has been slow due to uncertainty about funds. A multi-year budget plan is also in the works so that vacant positions can be filled and building maintenance can be assessed.

The Associate Dean of Collections (Gwen Gregory) gave an update on the VHS weeding that is currently underway with subject specialists looking through lists of the videos in question. She also mentioned that the catalog (Huskie Search) is being improved after the migration from Voyager to Alma and promoted Joanna Kulma's online exhibit regarding women writers from the Southeast Asian collection.

The Associate Dean for Public Services (Leanne VandeCreek) brought up the Research and Artistry series which is available via ZOOM. She also mentioned that the library is

looking to replace the self-checkout machines in Founders – they are reaching the end of their usability after 12 years. She adds that our current operational model will remain in the interim and throughout the summer with hopes to reopen with more capacity by the fall.

Dean Barnhart's discussion topic (What concerns or hopes do you have for library services in the fall of 2021?): Mya Groza started out by thanking all library staff for their hard work throughout the pandemic and was hoping the 5 PM closing time could be lifted. Dean VandeCreek said that is the goal but it is dependent on student workers, with security being the main issue. (An open call for student workers!) Cristian Sabio mentioned that students are clamoring to return to the library for its peace and quiet for studying. Sachit Butail commended the availability of laptops and WIFI equipment for students, hoping that it would continue throughout future semesters. Dean Barnhart mentioned that cleaning supplies will most likely become part of the "new norm" and that the library wants students to be responsible for their own spaces. Dr. Gorman mentioned that handwashing is still very important and that perhaps the bathrooms in the library could be looked at to ensure they have hot water so that the facility can continue operating safely.

Other

Tristan mentioned that it was important for us to meet in May to go over LOSAC's upcoming election.

Link to OSC Minutes

[OSC Minutes for January 2021](#)

[OSC Minutes for February 2021](#)

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:45pm.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for April 14th, 2021 at 1:30pm through Teams.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Carli, LOSAC Secretary