

Library Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes March 3, 2014

Present: Ms. Taryn Anthony, Dr. Lori Bruch, Dr. Tracey Collins, Dr. Carol A. Cote', Dr. Harry Dammer, Dr. Marian L. Farrell, Chair, Dr. Michael Fennie, Dr. Teresa Grettano, Mr. Eugeniu Grigorescu, Dr. Andrew LaZella, Assistant Dean Jean Lenville, Dr. Yibai Li. Dr. Bob McCloskey, Prof. Sheli McHugh, Prof. Betsey Moylan, Dr. Christos Pargianas, Dean Charles Kratz, Dr. Adam Pratt, Mrs. Elizabeth Shomaker, Dr. Yamile Silva, Associate Dean Bonnie Strohl, Ms. Caroline Swift, Prof. Narda Tafuri, and Dr. Ben Willis.

Unable to attend: Prof. Mr. George Aulisio, Dr. Terri Freeman-Smith, Dr. Barry X. Kuhle, Dr. Nathan Lefler, Prof. Bonnie W. Oldham, Dr. Argyrios Varonides, Prof. Donna Witek, and Prof. Kristen Yarmey.

The meeting came to order at 12:05 p.m. On a motion by Dr. Bruch, seconded by Dr. LaZella, the minutes were approved as written.

Dean Kratz reported that a [Library Advisory Committee](#) page with the roster, agenda, minutes

Baillie secured for the Library for next year. Depending on recruitment for next year's class, it may be necessary to reduce departmental allocations. For new programs and to support accreditation for departments, it is important to maintain the Library's budget.

Following some discussion, it was decided not to write a letter of support from the Library Advisory Committee for funding for Library acquisitions at this time. The Library did get a 3% increase. New Programs should stipulate funding for support of their curricula as they are proposed. The Library will continue to gather data on use of resources.

Dean Kratz announced the inaugural lecture in the Jay Nathan, Ph.D. Lecture Series, "Kazakhstan & Central Asia: History, Culture, Politics & Economy." Speakers are Dr. Nathan, Kairat Umarov, Kazakhstan's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the U.S., William Courtney, senior principal for policy strategy at Computer Sciences Corporation; and Nancy Neill co-author of *Real Collaboration: What it Takes for Global Health to Succeed*. The panel discussion is free of charge and open to the public.

Beth Shomaker, Special Collection Assistant, distributed a flyer *225 Years from Fact to Fiction*, selections from the Edward R. Leahy Collection of rare books on Mutiny on the Bounty. She presented an overview of the history behind the Mutiny on the Bounty including a glimpse, illustrated with slides from the collection, of the events and the personality of Captain Bligh. The books are on display in the 5th floor Scranton Heritage Room from February 7 to April 17, 2014. Atty. Leahy will give a presentation in the Heritage Room from on April 9, 2014, at 5:30 p.m., followed by a reception sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Schemel Forum. The PowerPoint slides are available from the Library's homepage on the [Library Advisory Committee Documents](#) page.

Prof. Moylan reported that for Fall 2013, the Library received several applications for the [Library Research Prize](#). For Spring 2014, the deadline for application for the undergraduate and graduate \$500 prizes is May 2, 2014. Students write approximately 500 words about how they conducted research for projects that they append to their application. The faculty member to whom the project was submitted needs to write a letter of support. The call for volunteers to serve on the Library Research Prize Award Subcommittee was accepted by: Dr. Carol Cote, Dr. Andrew LaZella, Dr. Christos Pargianas, Dr. Adam Pratt, and Dr. Yamile Silva, and Dr. Ben Willis.

Prof. Sheli McHugh presented an update on the Reilly Learning Commons. She showe(r)-7.6133(a)3.1579(1)R0

project. The facility will include Writing Center satellite rooms. Slides of Prof. McHugh's presentation are available on the [Library Advisory Committee documents page](#).

Ms. Strohl tantalized those present with what they would have seen if our trial to the *CQ Researcher* had not expired. This stimulated so much interest in seeing the database that it should be considered as a strategy for future presentations. ([CQ Research](#) is now available on the Library's A-Z list of databases)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Strohl