

**LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Weinberg Memorial Library**  
**Thursday, December 7, 2017**

The meeting came to order at 11:40 a.m. by Dean Kratz, for Dr. Farrell.

Present: Prof. George Aulisio, Prof. Kelly Banyas, Dr. Dona Bauman, Dr. Tracey Collins, Dr. Carol Cote, Dr. Marian Farrell, Dr. Michael Fennie, Dr. David Friedrichs, Mr. Eugeniu Grigorescu, Prof. Michael Knies, Dean Charles Kratz, Dr. Michael Landram, Associate Dean Jean Lenville, Dr. Yibai Li, Dr. Bonnie Markowski, Prof. Sheli McHugh, Dr. William Miller, Dr. Kim Pavlick, Dr. Adam Pratt, Dr. David Salerno, Prof. Narda Tafuri, and Dr. John Zych.

Unable to attend:, Dr. Jessica Bachman, Dr. Yaodong Bi, Dr. Lori Bruch, Dr. Marzia Caporale, Prof. Frank Conserette, Dr. Darryl DeMarzio, Dr. Josephine Dunn, Dr. Kathy Dwyer, Mrs. Sharon Finnerty, Dr. Rita Fleming-Castaldy, Dr. Terri Freeman-Smith, Dr. Teresa Grettano, Dr. Michael Hardisky, Dr. Jakub Jasinski, Dr. Barry Kuhle, Mr. Christopher Kustera, Dr. Andrew LaZella, Dr. Nathan Lefler, Dr. Wendy Manetti, Dr. Bob McCloskey, Dr. Masood Otarod, Dr. William Parente, Dr. Christos Pargianas, Dr. Sufian Qrunfleh, Dr. Robert Shaffern, Dr. Yamile Silva, Dr. Robert Smith, Dr. Argyrios Varonides, Dr. Ben Willis, Prof. Donna Witek and Prof. Kristen Yarmey.

Dr. Pavlick motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Salerno. The minutes were accepted as written.

**DEANS REPORT – Dean Charles E. Kratz**

Associate Dean’s Position – Dean Kratz reported that after a long search process we have a new Associate Dean. Interim Associate Dean, Jean Lenville has accepted the offer and has started immediately. He thanked the search committee for their work in filling the position.

Library Faculty Positions - This semester, Prof. Kevin Norris has announced he will retire at the end of May. He's been at the Library for forty years! The library faculty have worked on a new job description, which was approved yesterday. Prof. McHugh reported they modeled the job description after the latest new hires and that this position will focus on student success, research and instruction, working specifically with EP & Gonzaga Program (formerly ADP) courses.

Prof. Norris's liaison responsibilities will be covered by other faculty in the interim. The position is not able to be filled until the beginning of 2019, but we will recruit in the fall semester.

**BUDGET -- Dean Charles E. Kratz**

The Bonnie Oldham Library Research Prize Endowment - The gift from Bonnie Oldham's estate is coming in two installments: one in 2017 and one in 2018. The Friends have pledged the net book sale revenue from this year's sale and an additional \$1000 over the next three years to the endowment fund, which will make the fund self-sufficient almost immediately. There will also be a faculty fundraiser in the fall of 2018 to raise more revenue for the endowment fund. Mr. Oldham was in recently to see Dean Kratz and is so pleased and grateful for the number of donations in her memory.

Library Research Allocation Account - We predicted a 5% increase this year and the placeholder is there. Over the next few months as the University balances the budget, we will get a better idea if that amount will stay. Prof. Tafuri also requested more money be moved over to that account to fund journals and electronic resources.

Friends of the Library Leaves of Class Raffle - Everyone should have received a Leaves of Class raffle brochure.

engrossing, he also created portraits of theater performers. In the spring, we will have an exhibit of early 20th century celebrity portraits done by P.W. Costello.

The Exhibit Reception will be the week of 3/19/18 and is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Tom Costello, P.W.'s great-grandson will speak.

The library is hosting the Environmental Art Show in April 2018 as well as the Book Sale, followed by the Faculty Scholarship Exhibit in May 2018.

Book Donation - Prof. Manual Shohorn contacted Prof. Knies about donated 18th century literature oriented books. There are nine of them with the promise of more in the spring.

#### **LIBRARY FACULTY RETREAT, BIKE SCRANTON & TECHNOLOGY – Assoc. Dean Jean Lenville**

Library Faculty Retreat – Assoc. Dean Lenville reported that there was a Library Faculty Retreat in Oct. 2017 where they looked at mission, vision, and planning documents. Revisions were made to the documents and the revised versions are on the webpage. There weren't any substantial changes, but they made them sharper and shorter.

Bike Scranton – Now in its 3rd year, we had 100 more loans this year. The program is gaining popularity.

Technology – Laptop loaning began at the end of September 2017. We had 254 loans this fall, and we plan on doing a survey in the spring to see why people are using them.

The Library is purchasing a new microfilm scanner through FIP allocations. We will have it in place by January.

We are also getting new copiers on lease.

#### **FLIPSTER, NEXUS & THE VISIBLE BODY – Prof. Narda Tafuri**

Flipster – The Library has a new platform for journals & popular magazines called Flipster. The downside is there is no perpetual access. When you stop your subscription you lose access. It is a bit more expensive than subscribing to the journal traditionally. You can locate it in the Library databases list.

NEXUS - We are moving over to NEXUS UNI by the end of the year, but no set migration date is determined as of yet.

The Visible Body - There was discussion about The Visible Body purchase. It is a onetime \$7000 purchase. Dr. Carol Cote & Dr. Tracey Collins have been contacting faculty members for support. The deadline to order is December 8, 2018. If purchased, it would be housed under the databases and everyone would have access to it.

Dr. Farrell thanked the Committee. The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

- Respectfully submitted by Kym Balthazar Fetsko