

## Senate Library Services committee meeting 11/10/2020 12:00 PM

First meeting of the committee for this academic year

### In attendance:

Chris Sauerwald  
Philip Doesschate  
Kristen Shorette  
Shafeek Fazal  
Christine Fena  
Jessica Koos  
Zhenhua Liu  
Zumi Ashizawa  
Peter Manning  
Hanna Nekvasil  
Jliu (no last name?)  
Dan Davis, joined late

-Jason Torre (JT) out sick

Philip Doesschate (PD) fills in as chair for this meeting.

### PD starts meeting with agenda items:

Introductions of members for semester, briefly; new and returning members

Library, Art, CEAS new faculty members

Welcome to new members from PD

\*SF explains that new Library Dean search will resume when the current Provost search completes

### Housekeeping; updates:

Not many updates - PD highlights webpage showing current membership of Senate committees. Can we reach out to student government to have an undergrad student join the SLS committee?

JT and/or PD will reach out to schedule meeting times for the rest of this semester

Loose ends:

- Resume discussion of Elsevier negotiations
- Virtual tour of HSL for committee members scheduled within next 2 weeks?

PD: new Provost - what is the new Provost's vision of how the Libraries fit in to academics?

### SF Interim Dean updates "State of the University Libraries"

1. COVID-19 operations
2. Permanent changes to operations as a result of COVID?
3. Laptop loan program in partnership w/ DoIT for remote students
4. "Documenting COVID" online archiving project
5. Anti racism Taskforce in the libraries in partnership w/ Chief Diversity officer

6. Diversity mini-grant for diversity themed events in spring semester
7. Record number of Library interns and volunteers - Career Center "fair"
8. Two new OERs available added to bank of OERs on Academic Commons
9. Two week long copyright course offered to faculty on campus for online teaching
10. Online info literacy course being offered to high school teachers
11. "Healthy Libraries" community initiative partnering with public libraries
12. Events and workshops - participation/attendance increased with virtual events

**Other discussion:**

HN: are Library SINC sites closed? Are students using the library as a place to attend online classes? Some concern about participation in online courses violating Libraries quiet zone policies

SF: No, library SINC sites are open and operational regardless of DoIT closing other locations. No metrics, but yes we have observed students using public spaces for Zoom classes. SF has reached out to dean of students Rick Gatteau to talk about other alternate spaces that can be used for students. The Libraries stay open through the end of the semester, even after in-person classes end and including intercession/winter session

PD: this issue should also be brought to the Provost too

HN: BLM - spotlight notable black academics and researchers who have contributed to society but perhaps hidden/suppressed? Even SBU faculty on campus?

SF: Anti racism taskforce, partner with Africana Studies and professor Zebulon Miletsky. Will take HN's idea to the taskforce

PD: Comprehensive resource on copyright? LibGuide?

SF: Staffing - 6 Library vacancies on hold - asking special considerations to fill some of them / move on with a search (hoping for 2 hires)

PD: List of recently retired or departing Libraries employees?

PD: Adjourns the meeting at 1:06 PM