

University Libraries Committee Minutes
Friday, October 13, 2023

Present: Nicholas Yablon – chair; Bruce Ayati, Mae Barron, Anna O’Connor, Anthony Panos, Katrina Sanders, Diane Huber, emeritus representative

Absent: Loren Glass

Staff: John Culshaw, Jack B. King, University Librarian, Karen Shemanski, HR Director, Katie Buehner, Interim Associate University Librarian for Teaching, Learning and Research

1. Welcome student members (Mae Barron and Anna O’Connor)
2. Introductions
3. Culshaw shared a few updates:
 - a. Student Undergraduate Scholarship Program – The Libraries’ employs approximately 150 undergraduate student employees. Primarily through philanthropy, the Libraries’ awards at least a dozen undergraduate students with scholarships of \$2500. This year out of approximately 57 students that met the eligibility criteria, 25 or 43% applied. This is the highest application rate we’ve seen.
 - b. Also through philanthropy, the [Arthur Benton University Librarian’s Award for Excellence](#) recognizes and rewards a Libraries’ professional staff member who has demonstrated outstanding commitment and/or leadership in furthering the mission of the Libraries in providing service to the University community. Nominations are currently being accepted and are due Friday, October 27.
 - c. Dr. Jade E. Davis, Associate University Librarian (AUL) for Teaching, Learning, and Research will begin her appointment with the Libraries on October 30, 2023. The current interim AUL, Katie Buehner, will return to her former role as Director of the Rita Benton Music Library.
 - d. The renovation of the Hardin Library for Health Sciences is on schedule for completion in February 2024. A celebration is being planned for April 2025 in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of HLHS. Members of this committee will be invited to attend.
 - e. As the Jack B. King, University Librarian, John is involved in several collaborations outside of the University. One important collaboration is the Board of Regents Interinstitutional Library Committee which is a committee of John’s peers at Iowa State University and the University of Northern Iowa. This committee is currently focused on an analysis of print collections overlap.
4. Buehner presented an update on the UI Libraries Materials budget, followed by a discussion.

University Libraries Committee Minutes
Friday, September 15th, 2023

Present: Nicholas Yablon-chair; Chelsea Burk-Betts; Bruce Ayati; Anthony Panos; Connie Berman, emeritus representative

Absent: Loren Glass, Katrina Sanders,

Staff: John Culshaw, Jack B. King University Librarian; Karen Shemanski, HR director; Kelly Taylor, UL Assistant

1. Welcome and introductions.
2. Reviewed the committee charge.
3. Culshaw shared several updates:
 - a. Main Library fall semester gate count is up 6% from last year.

- b. New exhibit in the gallery [Hey Buddy, I'm Bill](#).
 - c. Dr. Jade E. Davis has been hired as the new AUL for Teaching, Learning, and Research and will start at the end of October.
 - d. University Librarian's Benton Award for Excellence opens for nominations in October.
 - e. At the next meeting we will discuss the materials budget.
 - f. The Libraries' has been doing internal reviews of processes and we recently completed a review of the legacy librarian promotion process. As a result we have adopted the regular UI promotion process for all our librarian staff. In addition, analysis of staff salaries continues to better align with market value and to help with staff retention. Work also continues on investing in new staff positions to increase our staffing numbers as compared with our peer institutions.
4. Brainstormed ideas for future agenda items. Staff demographics; usage of special collections and archives; facilities; shared position with Stanley Museum of Art; Studio current projects; in-person meeting at Conservation Lab; engineering library; future in-person meeting in Hardin; open access and Wiley transformative agreement.