

Staff Advisory Group monthly meeting

April 13th 2021

Welcome—Rachel Alexander

Admin report—Deb Ward

- Return to work date May 17. Talk to supervisor if you want to continue WFH over summer. Stand by for news regarding how this may work for fall. We're still waiting for distancing guidelines regarding furnishings.
- E-Performance is now open for classified staff. You should have received an email about this if you are classified staff. Please follow the instructions in the email, if you're in that group. Ask Brenda if you have questions.
- LMT is beginning a review of committees. This past year, we did not change committee assignments due to COVID. As we prepare for next year, we want to review the committees and perhaps make some changes. Jeannette and Kate have teamed up to do the initial review and bring their comments to the next LMT meeting so that we can all discuss together. We'll keep you informed on this.
- Mellon Grant project period for the Reynolds Journalism Institute and Journalism Library has ended, and the report has come together beautifully. The topic is the preservation of born digital news, and the report has potential to impact how news organizations, both private and public, organize and preserve their digital archives. Plans are being made for the report's distribution. Edward has agreed to make a presentation on the topic at SAG this summer. Thanks to Edward, Dorothy, Sandy, and Joe for their efforts that resulted in the successful project.
- The Library Advisory Committee also meets today. Matt will give a report on Library Development, and Dorothy will give a report on the Picture of the Year International project. We are planning on discussing library services at the May meeting.
- The move from U2 to UMLD is on-schedule, and is expected to be completed by the end of April.
- Plans are still in the works regarding the move of University Archives to Ellis Library sometime this year. We do not yet have a specific date, but things are being moved around in Special Collections and on the fourth floor to prepare for that move.
- We have identified an NEH grant opportunity for west stacks renovation. It is a 1-3 ratio for matching, and we plan to apply for it in September. The estimated cost of renovation is \$2.2 M. We plan to apply for 500K that will need to be matched with \$1.5M raised within a specific time window. We plan to apply for the mid-September deadline. Jeannette prepared the letter of intent, our intent has been approved by OSPA, and we will begin soon with moving forward on the application, with assistance from Chris Montgomery.
- At HSL, the NNLM Contract is coming to a close after 20 years, on April 30. The National Network of Libraries of Medicine has been reconfigured by the National Library of Medicine. Our regional library will shift from the University of Utah to the University of North Texas, and we will create new working relationships to integrate into our outreach goals and programming.
- Plans are still unfolding regarding the move of HSL materials from the first-floor compact shelving, and possibly the third floor. The administrative offices are currently

being vacated permanently now as well. I'll be spending my Friday afternoons over there until I've completed my part of the work.

- Shannon is working on a survey for the space planning web page for individuals to provide input regarding the master planning that will begin later this year. We'll take a look at the draft at the space committee meeting tomorrow. No date set for its release yet.
- The remote lockers project is moving along, and installation will happen any time now. Remote lockers will be installed in Ellis Library and in University Hospital, as our first trial of this delivery mode.
- Kathy and I discussed the Libraries budget for FY22 with leadership in the Provost Office, and we both got the sense that we may end up with a flat budget. We were asked to prepare a reduction plan at 5% and 10% reductions, both of which were ugly. We are waiting to hear the outcome.
- There are no firm plans at this point, but the Provost has stated that the search for the Vice Provost for Libraries will likely begin this fall.
- At Division Heads and LMT, we'll be discussing the parameters of a more long-range planning effort, now that the urgencies of COVID are waning. This will fit well with our need to create readiness for the search for the new vice provost.
- Staff appreciation event has been scheduled for May 27 by the Events Team. Shannon will send you a calendar invitation and more information.

Work from home poll results—Noël Kopriva (attached)

Haskell Monroe Papers—Brendon Floyd and Rachel Brekhus

- Presentation on ongoing digital humanities project exploring, curating, and contextualizing a collection of Civil War-era papers left to the university by Chancellor Haskell Monroe. See <https://library.missouri.edu/confederate/> for more information.

IDE announcement—Rachel Brekhus

- IDE will be continuing to work with Campus IDE to update and improve their content. Rachel sincerely apologizes, on behalf of the entire committee, for the issues with the March IDE activity.

Arab American Heritage Month—Melissa Fayad (uploaded to Teams)