

LMT Meeting Notes – January 5, 2026

Attendees: S. Cary, M. Gaunt, R. Graves, K. Peters, J. Pierce, S. Pryor, M. Toledo Candelaria, K. Whatley

Support: N. Whyte

VP Updates (Kara)

- Journalism Librarian and Special Collections Librarian searches underway; interviews expected to be scheduled for late January/early February for both positions.

January 13 All-Staff Meeting (Kara)

- All-Staff meeting will take place in Ellis Auditorium at 2:00 on January 13.
- Hybrid meeting option (zoom link) will be available, however in-person attendance is encouraged.
- Most Mizzou Libraries will close to facilitate meeting attendance. Kara received approval from Provost to close 1:45–4:15 PM, communications via signage & digital channels to go out. HSL and Vet Med Libraries will remain open but without services available during meeting.
- All-Staff agenda will include budget overview, recruiting highlights, space and facilities updates, as well as RAIS and ACTS updates from Jeannette or Jenny, or possibly combine RAIS and ACTS updates into “collections updates”. Marian and Steven may give updates for their units. Kara may give update on unionization process.

Spring Events Overview (Group)

- Upcoming events reviewed by LMT: Early Career Faculty Workshop, Department Managers Retreat with HR training incl. CliftonStrengths, Master Gardeners event, Valentine’s Day Tabling, Black History & Culture Trivia Night, Dine and Draft, National Library Week, Sibs & Kids in the Library, Library Society logistics.
- Ellis photography competition proposal reviewed.

Impact Stories (Shannon)

- Shannon reminded group to collect impact stories from their divisions.

Facilities & Operations Updates (Kathy)

- Custodial services are transitioning from ABM to in-house team by April 1.
- Vertical lift is making progress; construction could be complete by spring break.
- Bookmark café lighting improvements soon to be underway.

Union Communication Strategy (Kara)

- Must await HR approval for handouts or verbal information about union.
- Need to maintain transparency while respecting legal boundaries.
- Group discussed Q&A options; perhaps SAG officers could assist staff with union-related questions.