

## **LMT Notes 7.8.2025**

**Present:** Kara Whatley, Shannon Cary, Matt Gaunt, Anselm Huelsbergen, Kathy Peters and Steven Pryor

### **Kara Whatley / VP updates**

- August All-Staff meeting planning (Aug 12)
  - Will hold meeting in MU Student Center, Leadership Auditorium. For the first half hour, staff can mingle outside auditorium and have a light breakfast, and then the meeting will be held in auditorium. The libraries will be closed and reopen at noon. All staff are expected to attend.
  - Changes need to be made to library hours on website once this is approved by provost/president.
- Open Access Week Planning
  - “Who Owns Our Knowledge?” is the theme for this year’s International Open Access Week (October 20-26). You can find the full theme announcement on the [Open Access Week website](#).
  - Kara would like for Libraries to do more this year for Open Access Week. She will speak to the Scholarly Communications Committee. One suggestion is to feature stories of faculty we’ve helped with Open Access projects as Cycle of Success posts.
- IDEA Committee charge/name change
  - Kara, Jeannette and Jenny met with the IDEA committee and discussed a new name and charge.
  - Name: OBA (Opportunity, Belonging, and Accessibility) Committee
  - Charge: “The Opportunity, Belonging, and Accessibility (OBA) Committee encourages organizational efforts toward accessibility and a sense of belonging within the University of Missouri Libraries’ daily operations. To this end, the Committee investigates, evaluates, and creates training opportunities on best practices; connects library employees with campus efforts toward belonging and well-being; and contributes to and supports the creation of library spaces, collections, collaborations, and events that are welcoming, supporting, sustainable, and accessible.”
  - It was suggested they have liaison assignments to other committees, so they can collaborate more easily.
  - Shannon will send out the committee volunteer call to all staff shortly.
- September Campaign Kick-off Updates
  - Mizzou will start a new fundraising campaign in the fall.

- Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>: Friends of Libraries will get volunteer training as Mizzou Ambassadors, tailgate for volunteers, might have Friends meeting that morning
- Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>: Open houses, panels, lectures: Libraries gave ideas for events that we could do in collaboration with others, KU/MU rivalry (Archives), Digital Media Lab (peer navigators); Black tie gala will be held that evening.
- 6<sup>th</sup>: Tailgate before football game
- Plans are supposed to be nailed down by July 15
- Search Updates:
  - We are purchasing two more JSTOR collections with money from the provost. Three part-time positions to work on this have also been funded.
  - We have hired a library associate for Special Collections to teach classes in the fall.
- Follow-Up on Strategic Plan brainstorming
  - This discussion was tabled.
- Discussion about changes to Ellis in fall
  - Changes to the study room reservations
  - Closing Floors 1-4 during the overnight hours and overnight study space on the ground floor
  - Requiring IDs to stay in the building (or enter the building) at 12am (not 10pm)
  - Changes to the library hours during academic breaks.
  - Need updates on several projects for them to move forward

### **Kathy Peters**

- Signage / quiet room language
  - This discussion was tabled until Jeannette is available.

### **Shannon Cary**

- Updates to the directories/wayfinding signs
  - Shannon will run changes past Jeannette and Cindy.
- Museum signage
  - Discussion about entrance to museums. Kathy will ask them about having the door open with no staffing.
  - We might want to add a no food and drink sign near the door.