

Minutes of Librarian's Meeting, April 25, 2023 (Zoom meeting)

Attending: Heather Symon Bassett, Elise Bohn, Melinda Isler, David Scott, Mari Kermit-Canfield, Dejah Rubel, Stacy Anderson, Ann Breitenwischer, Jason Bentley

Absent: Ali Konieczny, Paul Kammerdiner, Ben Boss

Call to Order (Isler)

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by Melinda.

Approval of Minutes (Bassett)

The March 28, 2023, minutes were approved as presented.

Dean's Update (Bentley)

Please refer to the 'Dean's Update – April 25, 2023' (see attached), which was reviewed during the meeting.

Updates on Library Assistant 3 Position (Scott)

Dave, as search committee chair for the Library Assistant 3 position, reported that three candidates progressed beyond initial committee and university reviews. One withdrew from the search and two candidates have been scheduled for interviews this Friday (4/28).

Updates on Director of Library Services and Operations Position (Isler)

Melinda, as search committee chair for the Director of Library Services and Operations position, provided several updates. She indicated that not all posting options requested by FLITE had been enabled. With feedback from FLITE, Human Resources will enable additional postings and the initial application review date will be extended to May 15th, 2023. Human Resources will contact the existing applicants to update them and to inform them that their applicant material is still being considered.

PrimoVE May Release (Rubel)

Dejah presented two new PrimoVE features that will become available on May 8th for librarian feedback and approval. Due to technical difficulties, she was unable to share her screen, but she talked the librarians through the sandbox to see the new resource types filter bar and exact search. Those present agreed to implement the new resource types filter. Due to its complexity, the librarians requested additional testing time to examine the changes to advanced phrase searching. Dejah agreed and later sent a 'New Advanced Search Options for SmartSearch' meeting invite with additional information.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:42 am

Submitted by: Heather Symon Bassett

Approved May 23, 2023

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Dear Colleague,

As the end of the semester quickly approaches and the flurry of assignments to grade, appointments to arrange, grant applications to complete, appointments to confirm, and much more fill the day, I hope you will pause. Pause and take time to think about all you accomplished this semester and throughout the last academic year. Send a note of thanks to all who were instrumental in these accomplishments. Celebrate. Be proud of your success, the success of our students, and the success of colleagues.

I'm pleased to share a few recent highlights including acknowledgements about a few of our outstanding colleagues.

Congratulations, Ashley Hawley!

Yesterday, our colleague, Ashley Hawley, received the 2023 Distinguished Staff Award. It is a deserved recognition for the outstanding service Ashley provides students, faculty, and staff through her work in Educational Counseling and Disability Services. Congratulations Ashley!

Ferris Foundation Merit Grant

Congratulations to Dr. David McCall on securing an award from the Ferris Foundation to support a pilot study on the impact of the JOFI assessment on student career development.

Welcome to Ferris, Michael.

On June 5th, we will welcome H. Michael Zaborowski to our campus and community. Michael joins Ferris as our Director of Academic Advising following a highly competitive national search. Michael currently serves as the top advising and retention manager at PennState Schuylkill and joins Ferris with an extensive background in higher education having worked as the director of student affairs for Michigan State University's College of Nursing where he coordinated academic advising, enrollment management, recruitment, and admissions efforts, and tracked student progression and employed retention strategies. Prior to this role, Michael was an academic specialist in Michigan State University's College of Education where he coordinated advising, recruitment, and instruction, and developed and analyzed assessments of ongoing student success initiatives and retention programs. Michael is an active member of the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) and when he isn't working, he is a *Star Wars* fan who loves spending time with his wife, Rachael, son, Emmett, and daughter, Hope. Welcome to Ferris, Michael, Rachael, Emmett, and Hope!

Thank you to the search committee, Jenice Winowiecki, Sonia Trevino, John Cowles, Sharon George, Shelly VandePanne, Daniel Meyers, and Tracy Glentz.

Celebrating our tutors and SLA facilitators

Congratulations to our 24 graduating tutors and SLA facilitators who leave our community better because of their care and service. Jack, Jordan, Charlie, Andrew, Mumina, Brooke, Patrick, Sara, Tobiah, Robin, Tylee, Ian, Kaytlin, Mason, Matthew, Lucas, Daisy, Brennen, Heather, Cloey, Shamar, Claire, Danique, and Hannah – thank you for all the ways to helped inspire insight and confidence.

Friends of Ferris

I am especially thankful for all our friends who give their time, talent, and hard-earned dollars to aid our work in support of teaching and learning. Our alumni continued to return to campus to share their expertise with us as guest speakers and members of our advisory boards, and they gave generously throughout the year and especially during One Day for Dawgs. So far this year, we humbly received gifts totaling \$385,853.60.

FLITE HVAC Update

A relief fan motor failed last and needs to be replaced. This is a repair that will need to be supported by outside contractors due to the size of the motor. Physical Plant is working with B&V Mechanical and River City Mechanical to obtain quotes this week. We will know a timeline for the repair work in coming days.

Therapy Dogs in FLITE

Tomorrow, Wednesday, April 26th from 6-7pm, FLITE welcomes our campus community to join in for some canine companionship. Thank you, David Scott, for making this end-of-semester tradition possible.

Center for Latin@ Studies 10-Year Anniversary Celebration

On Thursday, April 27th, we mark the incredible history and accomplishments of the Center for Latin@ Studies during the past decade. Thank you to Sonia Trevino and the entire CLS team for the great work to make this celebration possible. I look forward to seeing many of you Thursday evening as we celebrate, and continue to raise awareness about, and resourcing for, the ongoing work of the center.

Fuel-Up for Finals in FLITE

Looking for a great place to study, write, grade final assignments, or complete your group project? Come on over to FLITE On Tuesday, May 2 and enjoy an assortment of sweet treats starting at 6pm.

Open Search Updates

- Library Assistant III – The search committee for the Library Assistant III position is working hard to complete their review of applicant materials and will soon begin next steps in identifying finalists.

- Director of Library Services and Operations – The posting and related advertisements are active with an extended, priority application deadline of May 15th.
- Coordinator of Student Success Initiatives – This search is still in process with final references checks taking place this week. Thank you to Megan Biller, Emmanuel Jadhav, Chelsea Carpenter, Franklin Hughes, Angela Ryan, and Angela Roman for the great work leading this search process.
- Director of the Center for Latin@ Studies – The search committee will convene in coming days to begin review of applicant materials following national advertising. Thank you to Dr. Eric Warner for agreeing to serve as chairperson of the search committee.
- Director of the Honors Program – An announcement inviting applicants (internal search only) is forthcoming and expected early next week.

Be well.

Jason

Jason Bentley, Ed.D.

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