



Library Subcommittee Minutes: September 24, 2020

Approved LSM 20-02

Present: M. Fujimoto (Chair), P. Kilroy, M. Pourhomayoun, C. Rodriguez (Executive Secretary), A. Tayyeb, A. Villa, H. Yu

Excused Absence: Y. Feng, E. Porter

Guests: M. Germano, J. Masunaga, P. Stoothoff

1. Call to Order

Chair Oropeza Fujimoto convened the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

2. Announcements

None.

3. Intent to Raise Questions

M. Fujimoto raised the following question: Regarding the EPC subcommittee (Library Subcommittee and AIRS) merger, should each college representative discuss with their respective senate members about opposing the merger?

H. Yu commented that the committee might want to discuss action items regarding the merger when discussing agenda item 7 “Information regarding the merger of Library Subcommittee and AIRS”.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of September 10, 2020 (LSM 20-01)

It was m/s/p (Villa) to approve.

5. Approval of the Agenda

It was m/s/p (Villa) to approve.

6. Update Reports

6.1 ASI Liaison – Anaid Villa

There was a discussion at ASI regarding etextbooks, access to online journals, and many textbooks in the library that do not have an online or PDF version. ASI suggested that instructional faculty cap the cost of textbooks at \$100 maximum.

H. Yu commented that most academic textbook publishers don’t provide institutional license for the library to acquire these textbooks in electronic format for online access. She asked how the library should communicate this type of information to the campus community. A. Villa suggested to use social media, email to be shared with ASI, and student lists. There will be an ASI forum on Oct. 12, 2020, regarding these matters. Dean Rodriguez and Holly Yu can be invited to speak at the forum and to answer questions.

A.Tayyeb commented that putting a \$100 cap on textbooks is not realistic as the costs of textbooks vary by discipline.

Dean Rodriguez provided updates regarding the library and CSU system-wide textbook initiatives. Cal State LA is part of the CSU Affordable Learning Initiative (<https://www.calstatela.edu/library/affordable-learning-solutions>). Currently, the CSU is in the process of exploring licensing VitalSource and RedShelf platforms. The average cost per textbook at Cal State LA is \$85. The Library has been working with the campus bookstore to identify high cost and high use textbooks, and purchased those titles in print and online if an

institutional license is available. He offered options for both faculty and students: use library licensed resources, and take advantage of the open educational resources.

6.2 EPC Liaison – None

6.3 University Library – Dean Rodriguez provided updates on the following library initiatives:

- Textbooks: the CSU is in the process of exploring licensing VitalSource and RedShelf platforms. He should have more updated information regarding the status of the negotiation at the next meeting.
- Since the CSU Transformative Agreement with Elsevier in the spring, there have been 30 CSU authors who have chosen to publish in Elsevier OA journals. With the Transformative Agreement, there is no APC. More transformative agreements are in the works, including Wiley, Springer, etc.
- More collaboration in fostering student research will be forthcoming. The Library will be collaborating with the campus ORSCA on this. The journal McNair Scholars Program will come soon. The Library will also create a bibliography for student publications.
- IRIS initiative: the Library started the Institute for Research and Information Studies (IRIS, <https://www.calstatela.edu/library/iris>) this fall. Dean Rodriguez encouraged the members of the Library Subcommittee to participate in IRIS activities and become IRIS fellows. Members could take self-paced workshops and webinars, and share this information with fellow faculty members.
- The physical library building is closed, so there is no access to library physical materials. The Library has worked out procedures to mail physical materials to students and faculty. It is currently pending on the campus approval to allow library staff to be back to campus to start mailing physical materials.
- Q&A:
 - Can the Library provide lockers for material pickup? The Library has been exploring to acquire lockers, but the campus doesn't prefer people to come on campus, so we'll mail the requested materials instead. Using the locker is possible when the campus is partially open.
 - How do students get to the print reserves? We can't access them currently.

7. Information Regarding the Merger of Library Subcommittee and AIRS

Dean Rodriguez and H. Yu provided an overview and update information regarding the merger. A. Villa shared the information from an ASI Senate representative that the new Senate Chair Talia Bettcher indicated that the merger was not her priority.

Action items:

- Chair Oropeza Fujimoto reaches out to AIRS chair to seek updates and AIRS take on the merger.
- Discuss how to articulate the role of the Library to the campus, Senate, Senate Executive Committee

8. Institute for Research and Information Studies (IRIS) – Time Certain 11:45 a.m.

Librarians Michael Germano, Jennifer Masunaga, and Paizha Stoothoff provided background information on the establishment of the IRIS and an overview of the program. The program includes four self-paced Canvas workshops and three webinars. The librarians asked members of the subcommittee to participate and provide feedback.

9. Next Meeting – Thursday, October 8, 2020

10. Adjournment – It was m/s/p (Villa) to adjourn at 12:11 p.m.