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## Senate Library Committee Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2024

**Meeting Location:** HH 232

SLC Chair Blanca Aranda called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm, welcoming 12 attendees (roster attached).

Meeting minutes of November 28, 2023, and January 30, 2024, were approved electronically on January 21, 2024.

### **Reports and Announcements**

**SLC Chair Blanca Aranda** reported that she sent the Faculty Survey to CHSS, CENV, and Honors College, with a reminder scheduled for tomorrow. An additional question about TT/NTT status was added to the Faculty Survey. She also reported the Committee will talk further before moving forward with a Graduate Student Survey.

**SLC Vice Chair Madeline Kelly** reported that the Subscription Review feedback period is underway and will be open until March 10. She has sent reminder notices to faculty and indicated that students may participate as well.

### **Action Item**

#### **Dates To Discuss Feedback from Faculty Survey and Student WELS Responses**

The Committee agreed by consent to discuss Student WELS Responses at its February 27 meeting and Faculty Survey results at its March 12 meeting.

## **Discussion Items**

### **Questions and Comments About 11/28/23 Presentations from Western Libraries:**

Western Libraries members of SLC [reviewed the presentation from the November 28, 2023, meeting which provided an overview of Western Libraries and needs](#), followed by a discussion period.

John Danneker, Dean of Libraries provided an overview of mission and high-level needs described in the slide presentation. Shevell Thibou, Director of Teaching and Learning, spoke about the revision to the SLC charge with respect to teaching and learning approved by the Faculty Senate. Madeline Kelly, Director of Collections, discussed the three lenses for collections: expenditures, how things end up in collections, and diversity of formats. Michael Taylor, Special Collections Librarian, described Special collections and Archives as having three legs of a stool: collections, research and teaching support, and exhibitions and programming.

SLC members discussed several issues surrounding staffing and budget, including historical staffing trends at Western Libraries, student employee funding challenges, and staffing costs associated with expanded hours. Budget issues discussed included the teaching and learning program budget structure, and the Libraries' budget negotiations and submissions with WWU Administration. Library representatives reported that some budget proposals have been submitted over the years, but it seems like allocations have been granted more in response to emergency funding needs.

A question regarding the use of Interlibrary Loan and journals was raised. Madeline Kelly reported that ILL and Summit use decreased over COVID and that the Libraries are waiting to see what patterns are moving forward. It is generally less expensive to do ILL for a single article request than paying for a journal subscription.

There was a question regarding the impact of AI on Teaching and Learning Programs. Shevell Thibou reported that there is discussion about how to support faculty, including how to use AI creatively and how to support academic integrity, as well as working to help faculty with the skills needed to detect AI use rather than relying on detection software. ATUS Director John Farquhar said that Turn It In software would require an AI detection upgrade that would increase the annual cost from \$18,000 to \$24,000. ATUS has been looking at other options, including departmental level licensing.

The Chair asked Library members of the Committee what they would like the SLC to work on. Recommendations included budget and needs advocacy through the Committee and Faculty Senate and how to communicate more effectively with colleges and departments. Dean Danneker reported that he will be meeting with Administration this month to discuss priorities, which he is hoping will contribute to state budget requests moving forward.

There was a question regarding whether the Libraries provides services through WWU on the Peninsulas. Libraries does what it can remotely, such as student participation in

integrated workshops when classes are held in multiple locations. There are internal discussions about the feasibility of expanding this offering.

**Agenda Items for Next Meetings:**

February 27 – Student WELS Response  
March 12 – Faculty Survey Response

**Items From The Floor**

SLC Members thanked Shuo Li for his work on the Faculty Survey instrument.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:16.**

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<b>VOTING ATTENDEES</b>			<b>NON-VOTING ATTENDEES</b>	
<b>Faculty members</b>			<b>Recorder</b>	
Madeline Kelly	Library	P	Becky Johnston, Faculty Senate Specialist	P
Vacant	CHSS	N/A		
Tilmann Glimm	CSE	P	<b>Guests</b>	
Shuo Li	CBE	P		
Eva Gil	CFPA	P		
Vacant	CENV	N/A		
Hilary Schwandt	FH	--		
Emmy Fincham	WCE	P		
Blanca Aranda	Faculty Senator	P		
<b>Student members (if applicable)</b>				
James Dinh, AS Student		P		
<b>Ex Officio members (non-voting)</b>				
John Danneker, Dean of Libraries		P		
Shevell Thibou, Director of Teaching and Learning, Western Libraries		P	<b>Voting attendees</b>	7
Michael Taylor, Archives, Western Libraries		P	<b>Non-voting attendees</b>	5
John Farquhar, ATUS Director		P	<b>TOTAL ATTENDEES</b>	12

**Quorum - 5**