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Official Minutes
Senate Library Committee Meeting
11/27/2025

Call To Order and Approval of Minutes

Call to Order: SLC Chair Kendra Dupuy called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: The May 13, 2025 SLC minutes were approved electronically on May 14, 2025.

Reports and Announcements

Kendra Dupuy, Chair

- Provided the following updates from Madeline Kelly, Libraries Dean, who shared them with SLC via email.
    - Subscription review communications will be going out in the next week or two via the Libraries website, Western Today, and email to faculty chairs and governance groups.
    - The CEDAR migration is continuing. Communications have gone out to all faculty who currently have profile pages in CEDAR, suggesting alternative options and offering support resources for the transition. If you have questions, reach out to Curt.Pavia@wwu.edu.
    - The Libraries will be having an internal discussion series (for library personnel) on generative AI from December 2025 through April 2026. The purpose is to bring together Libraries personnel from across functional areas for conversations about generative AI, higher education, and Libraries. There will be opportunities for SLC conversations to intersect with these discussions.

Discussion Items

- **Hacherl Research and Writing Studio/Strategic Enrollment Growth Initiative:** Gabe Gossett, Director, Hacherl Research and Writing Studio, gave a presentation about the Hacherl Research and Writing Studio.

One main initiative is Course-Embedded Research & Writing Assistants. There are invitations going out to faculty who are teaching WP courses in Winter Quarter. This is in collaboration with Writing Instruction Support. They are looking for instructors to collaborate.

Committee members discussed the course-embedded research & writing assistants. There was a question about integrating services into Canvas. Ideas include embedding the live chat on Canvas sites and linking the website to Canvas pages. Committee members discussed studio tours for classes. Class workshops in a Studio classroom can be part of a tour. There are also subject team workshops that can be provided to classes.

There was a question regarding reading support services. Current services are rudimentary, such as how to set up a reading space and turning off technology. One area that is being considered is reading persistence, which is an emerging problem nationwide, and how that can be supported.

There was a question about how AI is being addressed. There are fewer citation and grammar questions at this point. It is not being policed or condoned and instead they are encouraging students to think about their use critically and to understand class policies. He does not see a lot of AI-related interactions, but staff is asking for an internal guidance document. This is being developed. Subject teams can assist departments and faculty with developing AI policies that are discipline-specific.

The Chair stated that support for students as part of the Strategic Enrollment Initiative will be an ongoing conversation.

- **Promoting Student Library Use:** This discussion item was postponed until January because the ASWWU representative was not in attendance. This was discussed last year, with a focus on getting student perspectives on how to increase student use of and engagement with the Libraries.

- **Winter Agenda Priorities:** Committee members discussed priorities for the Winter Quarter, including SLC feedback on ongoing internal Libraries discussions on its role in AI literacy and adoption. Other issues identified include student library use, engagement with Libraries for non-Bellingham sites, and possible reading support systems and budget support for students under direct admissions/enrollment initiatives (something that exists at Central WA University).

Items from the Floor

Tilmann Glimm will be on sabbatical for the rest of the year and will work to find a replacement during his vacancy. He will contact his college governance and then follow up with Becky Johnston, Faculty Senate, and Gabe Gossett, Senate Appointments & Elections Officer.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

SLC Attendance
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Voting Members			Non-Voting Members		
Jenny Oleen	Libraries	x	Madeline Kelly	Libraries Dean	--
Kendra Dupuy (Chair)	CHSS	x	John Farquhar	ATUS Director	x
Tilmann Glimm	CSE	x	Mary Wegmann	Director, Collections	--
Hilary Schwandt	Fairhaven	--	Shannon Kelly	Acting Director, Teaching & Learning	x
Shuo Li	CBE	x	Elizabeth Joffrion	Director, Archives & Special Collections	--
Patrick Buckley	CENV	--			
Emmy Fincham	WCE	x	**Recorder**		
Eva Gil	CFPA	x	Becky Johnston	Faculty Senate	x
Tim Bruce	Faculty Senate	x			
Aniyah Sterling	ASWWU Senate	--	**Guests**		
			Gabe Gossett	Director, Hacherl Research & Writing Studio	x

Voting Attendees	7
Non-Voting Attendees	4
Total Attendees	11