

Arts & Humanities Council Meeting of October 6, 2022

10:00-11:30am

Facilitator: S. Reardon

Minutes: Adnan Malik

Agenda

1. Announcements (5 min.)
 - Jeremy pointed out today is German American Day and, as always, the White House has a proclamation on its website.
2. Sara Guyer, Dean Arts & Humanities Division will join us for our October meeting to informally chat about ways we can best advance scholarship through research support, collection development, outreach, and other means. (15-20 min discussion)
 - Meeting participants introduced themselves.
 - Since joining Sara Guyer has focused on making Arts and Humanities more accessible and to expand areas covered by A&H, like research and teaching in the African Humanities, Global indigeneity (Native American, Celtic, Scandinavian), and looking at earlier periods (e.g., medieval). All these will impact collection development. She is also building new teams and leadership. Across A&H there is constant conversation about the value of the library, and the library has great allies in A&H faculty who are open to conversations. In the ensuing discussion:
 - It was agreed greater communication with the dean's office will be beneficial. Dean Guyer will consider designating an associate dean as a liaison in her office for AHC.
 - Interdisciplinary teaching and research might be overlooked in discussions on campus and in the library, and there is a need to deepen these connections.
 - In view of the steeply declining funding for A&H, Area Studies, and teaching of languages, the voice of the library needs to be heard and included in campus-wide conversations, not just conversations on general funding for the library, but A&H funding in particular, especially when talking to donors.
3. CSC Feedback:
 - a. Jesse thinking about restarting [professional development trainings](#) for collections. This program started before pandemic and is being planned again – any topics you'd like to see?
 - Please send suggestions to Stacy or Jesse.
 - b. CSC: Drop-in sessions: are they useful? Do you want these to continue? What would make them more helpful for you? Attendance has been limited. One alternative: Jesse and Jo Anne attending Council (or other division meetings) meetings periodically to discuss collections and budget (how often? How long?).

- It was suggested that a better time slot would help (other than early morning) and that visiting the councils for a more sustained discussion will be more useful.
 - Please send suggestions to [Stacy Reardon](#) and she will forward them to Jo Anne.
- 4. Leveraging the Strengths of University of California Campus Communities to Reach More Learners through Open Education: Library Carpentries (S. Peterson, 15 min)
 - Slides can be found here: <https://bit.ly/UCCollabAHC>
 - In response to questions after the presentation, Scott suspected that most of the participants were probably graduate students but the attendees were quite diverse.
 - The lower registration rate for Berkeley might have something to do with the calendar of the semester system, as these workshops coincide with the start of the fall quarter and all the other UCs are on the quarter system. Berkeley also has the D-Lab that teaches similar courses, while many other campuses do not. The D-Lab is a good place to point humanities students to if they are interested in digital humanities. The Carpentries have lessons in Spanish and are developing lessons in Japanese and French.
 - Being at least conversant with the technology can be helpful for librarians, even if not an expert.
 - The D-Lab, Digital Humanities, and BIDS newsletters/email lists are good ways for students and faculty to be informed of what is out there in regard to digital scholarship on campus. The RDM program website/newsletter is also a great resource for how to handle data. The Library Data Services Program webpage will be a good resource once it goes live.
 - Feel free to contact Scott if you have any questions or are interested in exploring further.
- 5. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Arts and Humanities
- 6. Function Council reports (time permitting)
 - a. Cataloging and Metadata Council (N. Shiraishi)
 - b. Collection Development Leadership Group (A. Scheel)
 - c. Collection Services Council (S. Reardon)
 - Gifts update: still not able to take gifts, be judicious in accepting gifts. Adam and Jane are working on potential methods, including using a vendor. Right now the priority is pandemic backlog. The other challenge is moving out of Moffitt 250. Contact Jo Anne and Jane if you have a substantial gift prospect.
 - GreenGlass Working Group and DEIBJ Working Group is finalizing a report for October.
 - Serials reduction tools: Sushi: a protocol for getting counter data into Alma Analytics. Starting with 15 vendors (prioritizing big journal packages). Unsub takes journal packages and analyzes cost savings if

big deals are canceled in favor of selected subscriptions. GreenGlass for Serials: analyzes shared print programs, peer groups.

- [Collections Serial Reduction and Savings Distribution Advisory Group](#): charge established. You may not hear much more until late October/November as the group is still in planning stages.
 - Acquisitions staff is down to 2 people. Please place firm orders through vendor platforms (e.g., GOBI, Amalivre, Casalini, Harrassowitz).
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 - Shipping costs: shipping costs have risen from many locations (up to 40%). Last year, this increase was covered centrally. Alma handles shipping costs differently than Millennium had. More guidance around this will be given once Mark H. returns.
- d. Public Services Council (V. Shih)
 - e. Roundtable Update (A. Scheel)
 - a. EID/DEIBJ in Collections Working Group (N. Shiraishi) The WG completed its final report.

Next meeting:
Nov. 3, 2022

Suggest a topic!

<http://ucblib.link/ah-council-suggestions>

Notetakers

Rotating in alphabetical order on the [Roster](#). If the designated person on the list is not in attendance, we will move to the next person on the list. If you prefer to not take notes for the meeting when your turn comes up, you may Pass.

Presentation materials

<http://ucblib.link/ah-council-presentations>