

Arts & Humanities Council Meeting of October 5, 2023

10:00-11:30 am

Agenda link:

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Facilitator: L. Cunningham

Minutes: N. Shiraishi

In attendance: Lynn D Cunningham, Adnan Malik, Sheehan H Grant, Abby J Scheel, José Adrián Barragán-Álvarez, Jeremy Ott, Mohamed Hamed, Naomi Shiraishi, Toshie Marra, Jianye He, Virginia Shih, Claude Potts

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1. Announcements (15 min.)
 - a. UL Search update (S. Grant and J.A. Barragán, 5 min.)
 - i. The search committee is currently in the recruitment and candidate evaluation phase. So far there are double digit numbers of candidates. The position is still open and the survey is also open. Oct 24 is the deadline for application. Early review will be in November. On campus interviews may be in spring?
 - ii. Nominations: BerkeleyUniversityLibrarian@wittkiever.com
 - iii. Website for details and link to more feedback spaces: <https://evcp.berkeley.edu/university-librarian-2023>
 - b. Function report announcements? (5 min.)
 - i. No announcement
 - c. Jeremy Ott new A&H rep for Collection Services Council
 - d. Update on Arts and Humanities open house (A. Scheel and L. Cunningham)
 - i. This was the second year of the undergrad open house and it was successful. Approximately 120-150 students came by and the Library table was popular. There were 82 responses for a survey asking how best to reach undergrad students. Most chose campus-wide email (possibly because it was the first option of the survey?), also some chose instagram.
2. AH Dean's Language taskforce report (M. Hamed, 30 min.)
 - a. Reporting on the Languages, language-based disciplines, and global citizenship task force spring 2022-spring 2023.
 - b. The task force was established in spring 2022. First interim report was submitted in May 2022. Second phase will be fall 2022-spring 2023 and final report will be submitted in spring 2023.

- c. Mohamed shared the task force's recommendations related to: language instruction, language requirements, online instructional technologies, advising, access and awareness, libraries, instructional titles and language faculty morale, and language and campus diversity; followed by action items.
- 3. Recent librarian travel: "Traveling at an Uncertain Time: Observations from My Summer Trip to China" (Jianye He, 20 min.)
 - a. Jianye finally visited China this past summer after a long break due to the pandemic.
 - b. She shared her experience with COVID-related traveling requirements.
 - c. She also reported what happened to the local bookstores in China during the pandemic, and the status of the book industry after the pandemic and the big flood.
 - d. She showed photos from her acquisition trip to Shanghai and Nanjing. She visited academic book stores, university libraries, and museums; and also gave presentations.

Next meeting:
November 2nd, 2023