

Libraries Committee Meeting  
2/16/2022

In attendance: Gabriel DiMartino, Corey Harmon, Elizabeth Ketterman, Joseph Lee, E. Thomson Shields, Robin Haller, Lok Pokhrel, Shellie Zsoldos

Absent: Sophie Adgate, Kawanna Bright, Helen Dixon, Jan Lewis, Shannon Powell, Megan Inman

Called to order at **3:05 pm via Teams, recorded**, Adjourned at 3:50pm

**Agenda items & actions**

I. Welcome and Roll

II. Approval of Minutes

III. Service Showcase: Corey Harmon, Access Services (HSL)  
Anatomical Models Showcase (250 models with >23k circulation!)  
Mostly used by ECU students  
Website designed to help locate models

IV. Library Updates (both reports preceded the meeting, so this item is asynchronous)

- a. HSL Update: Beth Ketterman (report attached, appendix 1)
- b. ALS Update: Jan Lewis (report circulated ahead of time, attached)

V. ECU's changing structure, faculty input, libraries as a professional college

- How do we amplify and strengthen the uniqueness and importance of the various libraries?
- “Strong Provost Model” would change the reporting structure
- Faculty Senate working group did *not* recommend merger
- How do we brand this for maximum impact and resources?
- Open forum discussion-
- How does merger impact overall resources of library, morale, and library personnel
- Faculty input should be valued by administrators re: merger  
Faculty Senate, Chair of the Faculty, and this committee

VI. New Business and Questions and Updates from Committee Members

## Appendix 1. Laupus HSL Report

I see we have a lot to talk about in our meeting, so I can yield my time today by sharing the Laupus report now:

The Laupus [Virtual Reality Lab](#) is using safe practices to remain open during the pandemic. We are establishing a communications plan and series of open house/drop in sessions targeted to specific interest groups beginning this semester. Some of the targeted groups will include anatomy instructors, app developers, student gamers, and [VR/AR interest group members](#). Primarily the sessions will be hosted at Laupus, but others may be hosted in spaces across main and HS campus since we have wireless devices that do not have to be tethered to monitors. More information to come when dates for sessions are finalized.

[Love Data Week](#) is in full swing – more sessions today through Friday.

We are happy to host our spring [Medical History Interest Group series](#) with in-person and virtual options.

Our in-person traffic at Laupus is steadily increasing each month. January 2022 saw a 54% increase in traffic from the similar timeframe last year. We are still not at pre-pandemic levels of onsite use but I have to say that it is really great to observe our spaces utilized more fully. Space planning decisions are based on traffic and so this observation and data collecting is important as we think about changes or enhancements to space use down the road.

Laupus faculty, researchers in HHP (including chair Lee), and other colleagues are preparing an invited, full submission for an IMLS National Library Leadership grant. This applied research award proposal focuses on digital inclusion in the farmworker community and builds on previous work amongst these collaborators. Positive vibes for a successful outcome!

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Appendix 2. Joyner ALS Report

**Libraries Committee report, Feb. 16, 2022**

**Academic Library Services**

**Jan Lewis, Director**

ALS has submitted its budget cut scenarios for a 2% (\$255,582) cut and a 3% (\$383,374) cut. Both proposals include cuts to the operating budget and a very small (\$5000) cut to the acquisitions budget. The 2% cut includes the loss of two positions, while the 3% cut includes the loss of four positions.

The gate count at Joyner Library has increased this semester as compared to fall semester, now often exceeding 3,000 per day. Pre-pandemic, the early/mid-week daily gate count was often 5,000 and sometimes as high as 7,000. In AY 2021-2022, library instruction is once again growing, with 196 classes scheduled with the Research & Instructional Services Department alone so far. The large format poster printing service that was moved from ITCS (Austin) to Joyner Administration is off to a strong start.

We are investigating the addition of a sensory-friendly room in Joyner Library. We were approached by students in the Honors College who want to work on this concept as part of a class project. We will also involve STEPP Program staff and students in the planning process. Sensory rooms are available at several academic libraries including Adelphi, University of Wisconsin-Stout, University of New Brunswick, University of Wyoming, SUNY Stony Brook, and University of Minnesota-Duluth.

At 4 pm today, Professor Emeritus David C. Dennard will present "Making the Case for Black History Month in 2022 and Beyond" in the Janice Hardison Faulkner Gallery. On Feb. 24, we will host the School of Art & Design Graduate Show reception and awards ceremony at 4 pm. We are happy to co-sponsor the speaker reception for the Voyages of Discovery lecture tomorrow evening. As a co-sponsor, we will have the opportunity to talk briefly about the library and distribute information to attendees.

We are conducting interviews for the Head of Teaching Resources Center position this week. Several other searches are underway, with a couple of others expected to start within the next month.