

## Libraries Committee Meeting

**04/19/2023**

In attendance: Corey Harmon, Shannon Powell, Kirstin Squint, Jan Lewis, Beth Ketterman, Jamie Bloss, Kelly Spring, Armin Krishnan

Absent: Helen Dixon, Kawanna Bright, Robin Haller, and Ciprian Popoviciu

Called to order at 3:20pm via Teams, adjourned at 3:35pm

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### **Agenda Items & Actions**

1. The Meeting Called to Order.
2. Approval of the Minutes for the Meeting on February 15, 2023.
3. ALS Update: Jan Lewis:
  - The next cycle of alternative textbook program stipend recipients will be announced soon.
  - Cataloging has completed a project to update call numbers, relabel and reshelve more than 1,200 items.
  - Two-time ECU alum Charis Tucker was the final speaker associated with the Green Book & Oasis Spaces in NC exhibit. He spoke on Resistance & Resilience: Black Travel Past & Present.
  - Author Wiley Cash spoke at the Friend of the Library banquet.
  - ALS added to the sustainable publishing support option offered ECU authors with an agreement with Frontiers. For more information, see <https://sustainablescholarship.ecu.edu/open-access-publishing-support/>
  - ALS received \$2.7 million in end-of-year funds from the Division of Academic Affairs for one-time electronic resources, scanners, rare books, manuscripts related to underrepresented groups, and other needs.
  - A project to replace nearly 500 interior signs in the library to improve wayfinding and conform to current building code requirements is in the planning process and will be completed during summer 2023.
  - There will be a screening of the documentary “We Can Do Better” on the American African history of Edgecombe County in the Blackbox Theater on April 24 at 5:30 pm. The documentary is the product of a collaboration of ALS, the Phoenix Historical Society, and producer Frederick Murphy.
  - The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Paraprofessional Conference, hosted by the SHRA Assembly, will be May 12. The theme is Motivation and Teamwork.
  - Recent hires include Accounting Technician, Head of Music Library (start date is July 1), and Digital Archivist. Searches are underway for Business Services Coordinator, Special Collections Cataloger, Circulation Reserves Manager, Circulation Evening Supervisor, Teaching Resources Center Stacks Manager, Records & Archives Assistant, Engineering and

Technology Librarian, First Year and Student Success Librarian, and Instruction & Outreach Coordinator for the NC Collection.

4. HSL Update: Beth Ketterman:

- HSL is conducting new searches for librarians. There is an open position for a Research Data Specialist, who would be an interlibrary loan coordinator.
- HSL has \$600,000 in funds that need to be spent. Two thirds of the money is planned to be spent on collections and the remainder is to be spent on new furniture such as chairs in the library.
- HSL has an initiative for improving the library space with unique artwork in the hallway, which symbolizes the history of diversity of practice and practitioners in NC. The Greenville Museum of Art plans to loan artwork to be exhibited in the HSL office spaces.

5. Discussion on Tenure-Track Positions for ECU Librarians:

- Both libraries held votes on the issue as to whether tenure-track positions for librarians should be moved forward to a discussion by the Faculty Senate. The library faculty in both libraries voted against the initiative due to the issues identified in the discussions with HR. This means that the Libraries Committee charge has been fulfilled and that the discussion of the issue will not carry over into the next academic year.

6. Next meeting and format:

Libraries Committee meetings will resume in August.