

Minutes
University Library Committee
13 April 2023
12 noon - 1:30 pm

Call To Order - Dr. Jane Hoppin, Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Chair

1. Opening Remarks - Greg Raschke, Senior Vice Provost and Director of Libraries

- This is Dr. Hoppin's last meeting as chair - thank you!
- Dr. Maria Gallardo-Williams has agreed to serve as chair next year.
- University enrollment is strong, with the most diverse class in history entering in 2023-24.
- Libraries' role in engineering and enrollment expansion
 - Makerspace, Experiential Learning, and Engineering librarians being added for the fall
 - Adding study seats in the Hunt and Hill Libraries (details below)

2. Libraries Schedule of Hours for 2023-24 (Summer 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024) - Rob Rucker, Chief Strategist for Student Success

- The [schedule of hours](#) for 2023-24 is much the same as in other recent years.
- In recent years, staffing for overnight and weekend services has been at the Hill Library only, with the service point at Hunt closing at midnight (and all study spaces remaining available). Users have not expressed concerns about this, and it helps to ease staffing and operational pressures.
- Adding Sunday hours to the Makerspace at the Hill Library
- The Hill of Beans coffee bar at the Hill Library (operated by University Dining) is closed during the summer, but the Common Grounds Cafe at Hunt is open from 8:00am - 3:30pm, Monday through Friday.
- The committee approved the schedule as presented.

3. Budget & Staffing Update - David Goldsmith, Associate Director for Collections & Research Services; Joe White, Director of Finance & Business

- The Libraries' funding sources include state appropriations, Educational and Technology Fee revenue, Facilities and Administrative funds, and private funds.
- Facilities and Administrative (Overhead)
 - \$1.5 million coming in one-time funds to accommodate more engineering students

- Additional one-time funding of \$95,000
- University funding for renovations at the Hill Library to accommodate the Data Science Academy
- Engineering expansion funds will help to improve and increase seating at Hunt, with a net addition of about 170 study seats and updates for several hundred more. Furnishings and seating at the Hill Library are also being updated, with the net addition of about 30 seats.
- A total of 636 aging seats across the Hill and Hunt Libraries are being refreshed.
 - Students came up to the security guard recently to thank them for updating the chairs in the Ground Floor Reading Room at Hill.
- Replacing the whiteboard walls in the study rooms and open areas at Hunt
- Updating the audiovisual equipment in the Duke Energy Hall at Hunt
- The former Creativity Studio at Hunt will be renovated to become the NC State Gaming and Esports Lab (pilot space until the completion of a full arena in Mann Hall), with an expected completion date of October 2023 and grand opening in January 2024.
- University funding for a new Esports Program Manager, Research Librarian for Engineering, Experiential Learning Services Librarian, and Makerspace Librarian
- Just hired a new Lead Librarian for Centennial Campus Experiential Learning Partnerships
- Following the university's new strategic plan to invest in strategic initiatives

4. New [Libraries Homepage](#) Design - Josh Boyer, Department Head, User Experience

- Committee members were invited to provide comments and suggestions for a redesign of the Libraries' website homepage.
- The Libraries' User Experience department led this effort, aiming to simplify the layout of the page while highlighting the most-used resources and services and adding greater visual interest and appeal.
- The project involved extensive user research (largely targeting students), usability studies, and the involvement and participation of numerous library colleagues.
- The new homepage will launch in late May 2023.