

**Minutes**  
**University Library Committee**  
**14 November 2023**  
**1:00 - 2:00 pm**  
**Zoom**

In attendance: Maria Gallardo-Williams, Chair; Dick Bernhard, Kyla Bosh, Jennifer Campbell, Maude Cuchiara, Czar Gentius-Harris, Michael Hyman, Miracle Johnson, Emily Law, Carolyn Miller, Lam Pham, Nilakshi Phunkan, Tim Van Doren, Paul Williams, Greg Raschke (ex officio)

Libraries Staff: Carolyn Argentati, Bertha Chang, Patrick Deaton, Cody Elsen, David Goldsmith, Jill Sexton, Cara Smelter, David Woodbury

**Call To Order** - Dr. Maria Gallardo-Williams, Associate Director of Faculty Development Office for Faculty Excellence, Chair

1. **Introduction of New Members** (ULC Roster) - Gallardo-Williams
2. **Opening Remarks and Updates** - Greg Raschke, Senior Vice Provost and Director of Libraries
  - Welcome to all members, and thank you for serving on this committee!
  - The Libraries has been busy, both in-person spaces and online resources are being well utilized.
  - A few changes and enhancements are underway in specific library areas, including seat additions and technology updates.
  - Focus on high-impact, hands-on learning and collaborations in teaching and research.
  - Enrollment Increase funding is being requested from the university, to help address the challenges of accommodating an increasing student population.
3. **Collections Budget Update** - David Goldsmith, Associate Director for Collections and Research Services; Bertha Chang, Interim Department Head, Collections and Research Strategy
  - The proposed FY24 collections budget was presented, noting no anticipated cuts but highlighting the impact of inflation. The focus is on cost containment and maximizing access to content.
  - The budget distribution, with a significant portion allocated to journals and databases, was discussed.
  - Open access publishing agreements (including “Read and Publish”) provide savings in article processing charges for authors.
  - The committee approved the collections budget for the fiscal year.
4. **NC State Esports Update** - Greg Raschke, Senior Vice Provost and Director of Libraries; Jill Sexton, Associate Director for Digital and Organizational Strategy
  - Introduction of the new Esports Program Director- Cody Elsen

- Discussion of the new NC State Gaming and Esports Lab at the Hunt Library, to open in January 2024.
- Overview of the planned facility, focusing on its role in community building, research, education, and outreach.
- This lab is envisioned to be a “pilot space,” with a larger esports arena under construction in Mann Hall, expected to open in late 2026.

#### **5. Committee discussion**

Next meeting: Feb. 15, 2024, 2-3pm, Zoom