

DRAFT
Minutes
University Library Committee
15 February 2024
2:00 - 3:00 pm
Zoom

In attendance: Maria Gallardo-Williams, Chair; Autumn Mist Belk, Donnise Benton, Dick Bernhard, Maude Cuchiara, Sarah Egan Warren, Michael Hyman,, Carolyn Miller, Lam Pham, Tim Van Doren, Paul Williams, Greg Raschke (ex officio)

Libraries Staff: Carolyn Argentati, David Goldsmith, Cara Smelter, Alex Valencia, Kristen Wilson, David Woodbury

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

1. **Opening Remarks** - Carolyn Argentati, Deputy Director of Libraries, substituting for Greg Raschke, Senior Vice Provost and Director of Libraries - (10 minutes)
 - The new NC State Gaming and Esports Lab at the Hunt Library opened on January 16 and is becoming a popular destination already.
 - The Libraries received USBI (University Strategic Budget Initiative) funding for one librarian position to support enrollment growth in the College of Engineering and related needs.
 - The Libraries continues to be heavily used, both in person and online.
2. **Temporary Library Space for the College of Education and Department of Psychology** - Greg Raschke (10 min.)
 - With the closure of Poe Hall in November 2023, several spaces at the Hill Library have been assigned temporarily for the use of faculty and staff from the College of Education (CoE) and the Department of Psychology.
 - These spaces include an enclosed study area on the second floor of the east wing for CoE Student Services staff and a few conference rooms.
 - The Media & Technology Resource Center (METRC), with three full-time staff, is operating out of a space on the lower level at Hill.
 - Psychology faculty and graduate students are using a few workrooms and a conference room in the Faculty Research Commons in the west wing.
3. **Integrated Library System (Alma) Migration Update** - Kristen Wilson, Discovery Systems Manager, Digital Library Initiatives (10 min.) [[Presentation](#)]
 - Wilson described an upcoming migration of the Libraries “integrated library system” (ILS) software from a product called Sirsi Symphony that we have used for many years to a product called Alma from Ex Libris. Implementation is planned for 2026-27, with considerable preparation efforts beginning soon.
 - The ILS supports a range of core library functions including the following:
 - Ordering and paying for materials
 - Managing the catalog and inventory
 - Managing library user data

- Checking out items to our users
 - Allowing users to request materials
 - A new contract with Ex Libris was negotiated by the University Library Advisory Council (composed of members from all University of North Carolina libraries), and it provides for cost savings of approximately 10% for each library as compared to current ILS costs.
 - See the [Presentation](#) for further details.
4. **Fostering a Successful Wolfpack** - Alex Valencia, Student Success Librarian, Learning Spaces & Services (15 min.) [[Presentation](#)]
- Student Success is a major focus of attention and investment for the Libraries, and it appears as Goal 1 in our [Strategic Plan](#). Valencia described the Libraries' activities and programs involving outreach, engagement, services, and support for students at all stages of their relationship with the university, starting even before they are enrolled.
 - Libraries staff partner with numerous other organizations and student support units on campus to deliver a wide range of events, programs, and activities, ranging from curriculum-focused learning and research to digital media, making, virtual reality, and gaming.
 - See the [Presentation](#) for further details.
5. **Committee discussion**
- A question was asked about [retired faculty borrowing privileges](#) for library books, after a faculty member was informed recently by Ask Us staff that their loan period for books had been changed from 90 to 30 days.
 - Answer: No changes to borrowing periods have been made; the borrowing period for books for EHRA employees (both faculty and non-faculty) remains at 90 days, with unlimited renewals. This incident appears to stem from an error in the Libraries' borrower database, which is updated periodically through an automated university data feed. Libraries staff will investigate and resolve these issues for any borrowers that may have been affected, and we apologize for any inconvenience.

Next meeting: April 30, 2024, 11am-12pm, Hybrid: Faculty Senate Chambers (Hill Library) and via Zoom.