

University Senate

**Senate Library Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

1. Meeting called to order at 2:30pm.

2. Introductions

The following committee members were present and introduced themselves:

Sheila Corral, Tin-Kan Hung, Samannaaz Shamsuddin Khoja, Barbara Epstein, Rhobert Evans, Jonah McAllister-Erickson, Rush Miller, George Pike, Susan Sesack, Susan (Sue) Skledar, Michael Spring, Andrew Strathern, and Scott Tashman.

3. ULS Updates

a. New Hillman Library Hours- Hillman Library is now open 24 hours per day Sunday through Thursday. This change was made to better meet the needs of students using the library while balancing budgetary confinements due to the cost of maintaining staff and security during open hours. This is a permanent change. No data has yet been analyzed to determine usage during these new hours but it is anticipated to yield positive results.

b. Building Renovation Project- The University has received approximately 11-12 million dollars to be put towards asbestos removal and changes in space allocation of Hillman Library. A contractor for asbestos has been identified and current plans for removal of asbestos, identifying sections of the library to be closed and ways to limit disruption of library services, are underway. The Senate Library Committee will need to provide input into a draft of that plan. Space reallocation has been implemented including:

- i. Dissertation Writing Rooms on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor
- ii. Group study area on the second floor
- iii. Hard copy documents moved to the High Density Storage Unit
- iv. The 'Café'

c. Research and Educational Support Unit is operational.

d. Digitization Activities at the ULS are extensive. Pitt News and Pitt Anatomy resources are available.

e. Open access initiatives at ULS are also extensive including 350 accessible electronic journals, an 'author fee fund' to support non-health science students, faculty and staff when publishing in select journals, and availability of PLUMX to monitor impact of publications.

4. Senate Non-Tenure Stream ad hoc committee

Sue Skledar is currently serving on this committee and has volunteered to serve as a liaison if there are relevant issues.

Rush Miller and Barbara Epstein identified the need for a representative librarian on this committee as they have relevant needs and input.

5. No new business was identified. Meeting was adjourned at 3:40pm.