



Academic Assembly of Librarians

General Assembly

Agenda

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

2:00 PM

This is a fully remote meeting

Zoom: <https://temple.zoom.us/j/8788232907>

Attendees

Brian Boling, Carla Davis Cunningham, Kristina De Voe, Will Dean, Matt Ducmanas, Erin Finnerty, Gabe Galson, Olivia Given Castello, Andrea Goldstein, Keena Hilliard, Josue Hurtado, Tom Ipri, Sarah Jones, Karen Kohn, Molly Larkin, Rebecca Lloyd, Joe Lucia, Jill Luedke, Vitalina Nova, Katy Rawdon, Fred Rowland, Cynthia Schwarz, Caitlin Shanley, Jackie Sipes, Margery Sly, Gretchen Sneff, Holly Tomren, Emily Toner, Kim Tully, Nancy Turner

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- I. Approval of [Minutes of the May General Assembly meeting](#) [GAMinutes20210511.pdf]
 - A. Approved.

- II. Dean's report (Lucia)
 - A. Ambler Campus update
 1. Andrea Goldstein visited campus last week to survey damage to materials that were moved from her office. The HVAC is not functioning properly, so it's very hot in the library building. Andrea will be staffing pop-up reference in the Learning Center.
 2. Joe has worked with Justin to pull inventory reports from Alma. There is not sufficient time for a full item inventory, but we will work on determining a replacement process.
 3. Katy Rawdon and (maybe?) Brian Boling have also been generating lists of materials that were housed there.
 4. Shelving has been damaged.

5. Damage is severe, and we will determine a plan to make repairs.
 6. Joe will visit the campus tomorrow, and will share more information after that.
- B. Request for preliminary budget planning documents received from the University last week
- C. Data on Temple vaccinations
1. Data dashboard has not yet been shared publicly
 2. According to incomplete, anecdotal data, less than 10% of the student body is unvaccinated
 3. After 1200 students were locked out for lack of compliance, about half of them uploaded vaccine information
 4. Mask compliance in Charles has been good, except for in closed study rooms
 5. Students are currently being turned away from Charles for lack of vaccination information. Joe believes they are unable to sign in as guests after being turned away.
 6. Non-Temple guests do not need to present any vaccination information to enter the building. This was determined by University Counsel, because we are a public institution.

We opted to cut short our conversation about vaccinations, as the topic is more appropriate for an All Staff meeting.

III. [Results of AAL Membership survey](#) (SC members)

- A. Survey was distributed to the AAL listserv, ~50 recipients
- B. Discussion
 1. Carla shared that AAL was formed when the Libraries became part of the Faculty Senate, as one of the requirements is having a collegial assembly or comparable body. This means that any changes that we make to membership procedures will still need to reflect what a collegial assembly is supposed to do. **Steering Committee should clarify what those requirements are.**
 2. What might some potential topics be?
 - a) There are shared issues across TULUP, and we could be more intentional about selecting topics to avoid being so Charles-centric
 - b) One example might be working in a hybrid work environment
 - c) This could be a good place to identify potential affinity groups (eg, a group for parents)
 3. Should there be mandatory, rotating committee participation?
 - a) Jackie said yes, especially for PARA and Merit, since this are not special interest groups. In the past, members have decided that they would rather not serve, and this is inequitable for staff. Kim expressed agreement with this in Zoom chat.
 - b) Rebecca pointed out that this may also be addressed in Faculty

Senate guidance on collegial assemblies.

c) Karen: It can get stressful if you're not elected to anything and then don't have as much service to put on your merit application, even though you'd be willing to do service.

4. What is the timeline for implementing next steps?

a) SC will meet in one week to further discuss timeline

b) For some smaller changes, we can definitely implement this year

c) We will charge the working group this year

IV. Old business

A. Efforts to honor Latanya's memory

1. Communications team is working with Faculty Senate Committee

2. Chat in the Stacks on September 30

3. Will be a greater acknowledgement that Latanya received regular appointment before passing. Joe will share official documentation on this with her family.

4. Latanya will be featured in the annual report

V. New business

A. Will we resume meeting in person?

1. The Event Space is not ideal for hosting hybrid meetings

2. Erin suggested that it's likely easier to meet all on the same platform, even though many of us will be on campus

B. Special thanks to Joe and Andrea for sharing update! on the Ambler Campus! We hope to continue to get updates in the future.