Academic Assembly of Librarians
Steering Committee
***Rescheduled* Monday, March 21, 2021**
3:00 pm
Zoom: https://temple.zoom.us/j/8788232907

Attendees
Erin Finnerty (chair), Rebecca Lloyd, Joe Lucia, Vitalina Nova, Caitlin Shanley (recording), Emily Toner

Guests: Nancy Turner

Agenda

1. Approve [Minutes of February Steering Committee Meeting](#) [SCMinutes20220215.pdf]

2. Report from Dean of Libraries (Lucia)

   a. Moving forward with hosting the Designing Libraries conference this fall, November 6-8. 2022

      i. Typically a small conference; hosting institution uses registration costs to pay for facilities

      ii. Will have to reserve space in student center

      iii. Will likely have events in GLAM spaces around the city

   b. Asked by Provost to assemble a list of the 50 most well-received books by faculty over the past five years, demonstrating the depth and breadth of Temple faculty work

   c. In the aftermath of gun violence last year, registrations from suburban students are down

d. Waiting on university budget updates

e. Reviewing PARA and Merit documentation

3. Preliminary planning for May GA meeting

a. Incorporating Nominations and Elections updates

b. Election is main agenda item of the May meeting

c. Committee reports are also read

i. Erin will send reminders to the chairs about preparing an end-of-year report

4. Coverage needed for Continuing Education Committee chair

a. Sarah Jones is the incoming chair, but will have an upcoming extended absence

b. Bylaws state that if the absence is less than a year, SC can appoint an interim chair

i. Is this really necessary? There is minimal activity in that committee over the summer

ii. Also, the last two CE committees haven't really done any programming in the fall, so minimal pressure to have programs lined up by the start of the academic year

c. Rebecca will reach out to Sarah to ask her preference on how to proceed

5. Old business

a. Documentation is still sitting on Confluence

i. SC decided to move documentation back to AAL WordPress site

1. When should we do this? Can we pass this on to future SC?

      ii.   There is currently a process underway to formalize documentation processes - maybe it makes sense to wait until this project (by Cynthia) is complete

      iii.   Q: What is the projected cutoff date for Confluence?

           1.   December 2022 at the earliest

           2.   AAL materials are publicly available, so do not encounter an issue with user accounts

      iv.   Information is safe and stable for now, so postpone a decision

6. New business

    a.   Question for Joe: Why wasn't the GIS Specialist classified as a TAUP position?

      i.   A: Wanted to have as broad an applicant pool as possible, including people outside the library field

      ii.   Put together research on comparable positions; similar position at Penn State

      iii.   Position is classified in AFSCME

      iv.   Other positions have allowed for equivalent degrees (other than the MLS), so that has not historically been the only criteria re: whether or not a position is within TAUP

           1.   This was true for the Digital Scholarship Librarian position

      v.   Joe: this position is more of a technical position, which is not a librarian role

1. We make these decisions based on a variety of factors, beyond just the job

vi. Q: Is this funded with an LRS line?

1. A: Yes

2. However, we have also turned some positions into TAUP librarian positions (the Metadata Management Librarian)

b. Alicia Pucci is interested in joining AAL - hooray!

i. What do we need to do to make this official?

1. Language from Bylaws: *Any interested full-time staff member of the Temple University Libraries who is considered to have academic qualifications comparable to a librarian may be voted into membership. Approval of an individual's qualifications may be accomplished by recommendation of the Steering Committee, and then by a majority vote of AAL members in attendance at a regular meeting following the announcement and opportunity for discussion of that vote at a prior regular meeting. The Steering Committee shall receive names of persons interested, submitted by the person interested, or by a member of the Assembly. A rationale for membership shall accompany the submission.*

ii. This language suggests a rather cumbersome process!

iii. Also, this lengthy justification process is a deterrent to future members joining

    iv.   It might actually be more efficient to modify the bylaws and vote on the change rather than sticking to this process

    v.   Q: Will SC also send out a message to other staff to ask if they are interested in joining?

        1.   That's a good question. We need to figure out how to make membership clearer to all staff overall

    vi.   Rebecca will work with Alicia to gather informal documentation, we will continue to discuss

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