



**Academic Assembly of Librarians
Steering Committee**

Tuesday, April 19, 2021

2:00 pm

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

Attendees

Erin Finnerty (chair), Rebecca Lloyd, Jessica Lydon (guest), Joe Lucia, Vitalina Nova, Caitlin Shanley (recording), Emily Toner, Nancy Turner (guest)

Agenda

1. Approve [Minutes of March Steering Committee Meeting](#) [SCMinutes20220321.pdf]
2. Report from Dean of Libraries (Lucia)
 - a. Active hiring cycle, more positions posted today, including formerly Annie Johnson's position
 - i. No search committee for this position, but will have a fairly wide ranging interview process
 - ii. Waiting to plan the interview process pending what kinds of candidates apply
 - b. Dave Lacy working on a budget strategy for digital preservation
 - i. ~\$50-75,000/year infrastructure is needed
 - c. Big ticket items for upcoming capital campaign, working with David Washington
 - i. One will likely be an endowment for digital preservation

- ii. Better permanent facility for the Blockson Collection [exclude this from minutes? is this confidential?]
 - d. Strategic initiatives on “Communities Connected” - Deans are collaborating on high-level priorities for Temple’s relationship with local community
 - i. Due next Monday
 - e. Attending ARL meeting in Toronto
 - f. Interviewing new Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs candidates
 - i. Announcement will be made soon
 - g. New Vice Provost for Strategic Initiatives search also underway
 - h. Enrollment update from Shawn Abbott will be shared at next Council of Deans meeting
3. Update from Nominations and Elections committee (Lydon)
- a. Current members are Josue Hurtado and Jessica Lydon
 - b. Bylaws changes now implemented
 - c. New nominations form including term limits, links to Confluence, space for brief candidate statement
 - d. Spreadsheet with member info (past service, unit, etc.) will be updated at end of the semester
 - e. Candidates for upcoming slate submitted materials by Friday, April 15
 - f. Some newer employees and members not currently serving were solicited for committee participation
4. Investigating emeritus status for TULUP Librarians

- a. [Document on current faculty requirements for emeritus status + requirements from other libraries](#)
 - b. Brian Schoolar suggested that since we already extend database access to emeritus faculty, it shouldn't be much trouble to extend to emeritus librarians
 - c. Kristina De Voe shared significant documentation from AAL's discussion of this topic, dating to 2008
 - i. Rebecca added this documentation to the Google Doc
 - ii. The financial crisis kept this from reaching the finish line - was ready to be approved by Provost
 - d. This recently came up when Greg McKinney retired, at which point Richie claimed that there is no emeritus status for librarians
 - e. Joe: This might not be a good time to raise this because of the administrative changes
 - i. However, if we want to put together a detailed proposal, Joe would forward it to the president
 - f. Rebecca: what if we didn't call it emeritus? Is that the problem?
 - i. Erin: it would be better to use that same status, since we already have an existing structure for this for accounts management
 - g. Erin will work with SC on this offline
5. Finalize agenda for May GA meeting
- a. Erin has alerted committee chairs that they will provide an annual report at the meeting

- b. Elections results will be shared
 - c. Pet and plant slideshow will be facilitated by Vitalina
 - d. Should we do the open call for items?
 - i. Yes, let's make this part of every GA meeting
6. Old business
- a. Alicia's official membership, amending bylaws
 - i. This vote may have to be pushed to next year in order to avoid tacking it on to the May meeting
 - ii. But SC should decide how we want to proceed re: bylaws changes
7. New business
- a. None.

Adjourned 2:28pm.

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