

COUNCIL ON THE LIBRARIES

Meeting Minutes April 17, 2018

Present: Fuechtner, Griffin, McCabe, Mehrer, Norwitz, Simons, Snyder, Webb.
Apologies: Betsinger, Hoyt, Kahl, Hadley, Luxon, McCullough, Parker, Thompson
Guests: Chamberlain, Davis, Green, Henderson, Quigley, Sagraves.

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 am.

1. Welcome and introductions.
2. The Minutes of the February 27, 2018 meeting were approved (with one correction: Fuechtner, listed among those who had sent apologies, was in fact present).
3. Matters arising from previous meetings:
The Chair of the Council on the Libraries reported that Lindsay Whaley, Chair of the Committee on Organization and Policy, had thanked the Council for its feedback regarding the functioning and composition of the Council (see Minutes of the February 27 meeting); he suggests the Council draw up an updated text of its charge.
4. Questionable publishing practices, or “predatory” publishing.
Leslie Henderson (Professor of Physiology and Neurobiology, Professor of Biochemistry and Cell Biology, Dean of Faculty Affairs, and Associate Dean for Diversity & Inclusion), Jen Green (Digital Scholarship Librarian) and Jane Quigley (Interim Director of BioMedical Libraries), updated the Council on the latest efforts by the Library’s Scholarly Communication, Copyright, and Publishing Program to help faculty and students navigate the rapidly changing landscape of scholarly publishing; see Minutes of the January 23, 2018 meeting. In order to help address challenges posed by the explosion of new venues and questionable or fraudulent publishing practices, Barbara DeFelice drafted a document, “[Choosing and Article Publisher: A Checklist](#),” included in the Library’s Research Guide on [Scholarly Publishing & Communication](#). The Council discussed possible improvements or additions as well as ways to publicize the recommendations, for instance in Department meetings, Graduate Studies Ethics meetings, or orientation sessions for new faculty. For further information, see also <http://sites.dartmouth.edu/scholarly-communication-lab/2018/03/16/choosing-a-publisher-in-a-time-of-predatory-practices/>.

5. Offsite Storage Capital Planning.

Dean of the Libraries Sue Mehrer informed the Council of preparations to address space constraints, particularly at the off-campus Storage and the Etna Road Repository, which will reach full capacity in about 18 to 24 months. The Dean has submitted a budget proposal that, after approval by the Trustees, will be incorporated in the Capital Planning Projects list. She expects to review options for this significant project in April, 2019.

6. The Council welcomed Daniel Chamberlain, the new Associate Librarian for Digital Strategies, who gave a brief introduction to his plans for advancing the Library's digital infrastructure, programs and services.

7. AOB: Dean Mehrer announced the appointment of Ken Peterson as Associate Librarian for Access & Collections Strategies, completing the leadership team of the Library.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55pm.