

COUNCIL ON THE LIBRARIES

Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2017

Present: Fuechtner, Hoyt, Luxon, McCabe, McCullough, Mehrer, Simons (Chair), Thompson, Webb.
Guests: Bucci, Helm, Sagraves, Taxman.

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 am.

1. The minutes of the October 24, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.
2. Anthony Helm, Head of Digital Media and Library Technologies, and Amy Bucci, Web Content Strategist, presented the new Library website, launched last fall, and commented on the Usability Report (11/10/17) and website statistics gathered in October 2017 (distributed to Council members on 11/16/17). Several changes were made already in response to prior feedback. Discussion touched on students' search habits (and ways to expand or advance them), options to tailor search offerings to more specialized needs while respecting user privacy. The library welcomes further feedback; Council members are encouraged to email suggestions to Anthony (Anthony.Helm@Dartmouth.edu) and Amy (Amy.R.Bucci@Dartmouth.edu).
3. Barbara Sagraves, Interim Associate Librarian for Information Services, introduced the Library's three-year deaccessioning program, necessitated by space constraints. Subject specialist librarians will work closely with faculty and others to identify and assess low-used printed materials in a staged process between January 2018 and June 2020. A letter to faculty announcing the plan and inviting suggestions will go out in the beginning of winter term 2018; library liaisons will follow up with individual departments. More information on the plan and procedures may be found at <https://researchguides.dartmouth.edu/deaccessioning/process>.
4. There was no additional business.

The meeting was adjourned at 1 pm.