



Library

## COUNCIL ON THE LIBRARIES

Minutes of the Meeting held on October 17, 2018

**Present:** Francis, Glueck, Hoyt, Jrolf, McCabe (Chair), McCullough, Mehrer, Parker, Shin, Snyder.

**Apologies:** Aguado, Betsinger, Davis, Kahl, Simons, Webb.

**Guests:** Chamberlain, Peterson, Taxman.

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

**1. Welcome and introductions.**

The Chair welcomed the members and thanked them for serving on the Council. As there were a number of new members, she asked all present for a short introduction.

**2. The Minutes of the May 22, 2018 meeting were approved.**

**3. Matters arising from previous meeting.**

None.

**4. Future of Dartmouth Press**

Chamberlain reported that after the announcement of the closing of the University Press of New England (UPNE), Interim Provost Dave Kotz had commissioned a Faculty Study Group to consider the future of the Dartmouth College Press imprint, or otherwise allocating resources to support scholarship produced by the Dartmouth Community. The study group has held seven open meetings between May and October, and had recently invited directors and acquisition editors from the Princeton University Press, the University of Michigan Press, the Amherst Press, and the Lever Press for roundtables and open conversations. Graziella Parati (*Paul D. Paganucci Professor of Italian Literature and Language, Director of the Leslie Centre for the Humanities*), who chairs the study group, had also been to divisional council meetings to discuss the process. At this point input to the study group has been sparse. Council members were encouraged to provide input to the study group and to encourage their colleagues to do the same, either by attending the last scheduled open meeting of the study group at 12:30pm on 10/29 in 246 Haldeman or by getting in touch with Professor Parati or Daniel Chamberlain directly.

## **5. Council on the Libraries Annual Report**

Dean Mehrer spoke to the *Council on the Libraries Annual Report* on behalf of the previous Council Chair, Prof Walter Simons. She explained that the Annual Report had been presented to the Steering Committee on the General Faculty on October 1, 2018 and that it had been approved by the Steering Committee. An update on the Offsite Storage Facility proposal was provided by the Dean at the Committee's request. The Steering Committee complimented the Chair on the updated charge for the Council on the Libraries, which was supported by the Steering Committee and would be going to the General Faculty in November and then to every faculty school for votes. Once it has been approved by all key stakeholders, the Council will be able to expand its membership as proposed in the charge.

## **6. Update on Deaccessioning Project**

The Council received an update on the deaccessioning project. The Library began the project in March 2018 to alleviate some of the severe space constraints in Baker-Berry Library. To date, 10,652 items have been deaccessioned towards the goal of 112,000 items.

Throughout the first phase of the project, the Library's subject liaison librarians worked closely with the departments involved. Feedback from the History and English departments prompted a number of meetings with faculty and it was decided to pause the project to give the new Associate Librarian for Access & Collection Strategies, Ken Peterson, the opportunity to review the current process in light of the feedback received. Peterson and key library staff will:

- Review algorithms/criteria for the deselection lists and propose more nuanced criteria with a sample set of records
- Review the Old Dart and Dewey collections as potential candidates for deselection
- Continue deselection of Government Documents
- Reflect on including a citation check as part of our title review (automated if possible)
- Include the entirety of the collection (not just certain date ranges)
- Review journals for potential deaccessioning

The Council will receive a progress report at a future meeting.

## **7. Implementation of next generation Library Services Platform.**

Chamberlain reported that Dartmouth Library was undertaking a significant project to shift its major business operations from its current library system to a new library services platform. The primary motivation for this work is to provide better user experiences for faculty, students, and other community users. The new system will be designed to manage electronic and digital resources natively, presenting them alongside familiar print resources. As part of this transition, the library web site will also be streamlined and the user search and discovery experience will be updated to include a single user-friendly interface, advanced relevancy rankings, and various filters and customizations designed to meet Dartmouth community needs. The new platform will also provide rich analytics which will help library staff make evidence-based collecting

decisions, and will position us well for further integrations with the collections at other Ivy Plus libraries. Aside from the direct improvement in experiences for our users, the move to a modern, cloud-based library services platform will replace a network of connected systems (providing cost savings) and homegrown systems (allowing staff to tackle higher-value projects), and automate library staff workflows wherever possible. Engagement with Dartmouth faculty, students, and staff will happen alongside the implementation work being done by Dartmouth Library staff throughout the course of FY19, with a launch of the new platform set for Summer 2019. Chamberlain made a request that the Council engage in this process by helping to place a faculty representative on the Steering Committee that will be providing governance for this project. Interested faculty should contact Daniel Chamberlain or Dean Mehrer.

#### **8. Offsite Storage Capital Project**

Dean Mehrer gave a short overview of the Offsite Storage capital project to date. Following the Dartmouth Board of Trustees Master Planning & Facilities Committee approval in March to go ahead with a feasibility study, the Library has been working with Campus Planning and the appointed architects over the summer on potential options. A final report with recommendations from the architects and Campus Planning is expected at the end of October.

A critical part of the overall proposal will be engagement with the Dartmouth academic community to determine the appropriate service model that will ensure that the facility continues to serve the interests and needs of Dartmouth faculty and students. Peterson put forward a proposal for a small working group to advise on an appropriate service model and decision-making framework for identifying collections for transfer. The proposed working group would be chaired by faculty, include one member of faculty, one student and three library staff. Peterson and the Dean will be working with the Chair of the Council in this call for engagement in the working group. Interested faculty / students should contact Ken Peterson or Dean Mehrer.

#### **9. Any Other Business**

Francis informed the Council that the new Director of the Schomberg Center was scheduled to give a talk at Dartmouth and that she would send details to the Council for information and further distribution.

#### **10. FY19 Council on the Libraries meeting dates**

Wednesday, October 17, 2018  
Wednesday, November 14, 2018  
Wednesday, January 9, 2019  
Wednesday, February 6, 2019  
Wednesday, March 2019 \*TBD  
Wednesday, April 10, 2019  
Wednesday, May 8, 2019

The meeting was adjourned at 13.00.