



## COUNCIL ON THE LIBRARIES

### Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2019

**Present:** Betsinger, Chor, Clarke, Dusseau, Glueck, Goodman, Hoyt, McCabe, Mehrer, Snyder

**Apologies:** Aguado, Davis, Francis, Parker, Ramasekaran, Webb

**Library Leadership Team:** Chamberlain, Taxman

#### 1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed the members to the meeting.

#### 2. Minutes of meeting held on May 8, 2019 were approved.

#### 3. Matters arising from previous meeting

None.

#### 4. A Brief History of the Treasure Room, Baker Library

*Jennifer Taxman, Associate Librarian for Research & Learning*

Jennifer Taxman provided the Council with a brief history of the Treasure Room. Currently called the Treasure Room referring to its use as the Special Collections Reading Room prior to the establishment of Rauner Library in Webster Hall.

The room was originally established in 1929 as Hough's Room in honor of Charles Merrill Hough, Class of 1879, by his classmates on their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. The interior facing windows in the room have images and inscriptions relevant to Dartmouth. One will find images of the buildings that once housed the Library's collections, the Baker Tower, the Old Pine, the Senior Fence, and the President's Jewel to name a few. Visitors will also discover photographs in the windows of the students, both from their time as a student and then approximately 50 years later, if still living. Two publications are available in the room to provide more information about the windows and the 'faces' in the windows. The room also houses a collection of approximately 14,000 19<sup>th</sup> century Spanish plays published from 1800 – 1931.

#### 5. Council on the Libraries Charge & Membership

*Sue Mehrer, Dean of Libraries*

During FY19, the Council on the Libraries proposed revisions to the Charge & Membership of the Council. The proposed changes were discussed and approved by the General Faculty of Arts & Sciences. The Dean introduced the new members of the Council to the revised Charge, which can be found at <https://www.dartmouth.edu/~library/col/>.

#### 6. Council on the Libraries FY19 Annual Report

*Prof Janice McCabe, Chair*

The Chair presented the Council's FY19 Annual Report, which had been submitted to the General Faculty and discussed at Steering Committee of the General Faculty (SCGF) on October 4, 2019. The Annual Report had been well received by the SCGF, which noted with interest the proposed plans for Berry Library.

## **7. New Library Catalog and Library Services Platform – Progress Report**

*Daniel Chamberlain, Associate Librarian for Digital Strategies*

Daniel Chamberlain provided an update on the Library's efforts to implement a new library services platform and catalog. Daniel reported that the team successfully made the transition on the planned go-live date of June 13<sup>th</sup>. Although that date marked the switchover to a new catalog for researchers and new workflow tools for library staff, the work to fully learn and implement the new platform will continue in a structured way through the summer of 2020. Internally, library staff are redefining workflows and engaging in advanced training, and externally the library is offering continued training and support for researchers growing accustomed to the new tools. Daniel noted that the third component of the implementation, an advanced course resource tool (Leganto), will be piloted by a small number of classes in the Winter term. This tool is designed as a bridge between library resources and the Canvas learning management system, allowing instructors and students streamlined and standardized means of accessing resources provided by the Library. The implementation of this system will be done in conjunction with the ITC Learning Design team that manages Canvas, and, like the previous projects, will involve engagement and feedback from instructors (including teaching assistants) and students.

## **8. FY20 Library Initiatives**

*Sue Mehrer, Dean of Libraries*

The Dean outlined plans and priorities for the upcoming academic year. Ongoing priorities include the full implementation of the new Library Services Platform; planning for increased offsite storage at the proposed Library Collections & Services Facility; fundraising for the proposed re-envisioning of Berry Library. New initiatives for the coming year will see planning for Feldberg Library as part of the Murdough redevelopment; a Staff Development Pilot Program; the launch of Digital by Dartmouth Library, which will bring renewed focus to the Library's digital program; and a review of the Library's Data Program & Services. As part of our ongoing commitment to the Dartmouth academic community, the Library will also review its Strategic Objectives & Priorities (launched in 2017) to ensure we stay aligned to Dartmouth's academic mission and the current and future needs of our scholars.

## **9. Any Other Business**

None

## **10. FY20 CoL Meeting Dates**

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

The meeting was adjourned at 12.55.