



**Library**

## **COUNCIL ON THE LIBRARIES**

**Wednesday, 17 March 2021**

**12noon – 1:00pm**

### Minutes

Present: Castelot, Chor, Davis, Glueck, Goodman, Green, McCabe (chair), Mehrer, Parker, Rose, Singh, Skinner, Snyder, Tell, Webb

Apologies: Clarke (Sabbatical), McDonald

Library Leadership Team: Chamberlain, Peterson, Taxman

Guests: Levey, Rockmore

### Agenda

1. Welcome

The chair welcomed Sam Levey, Associate Dean for the Arts & Humanities, and Dan Rockmore, the Associate Dean for the Sciences, as guests of the Council. The Chair indicated she would take a more direct role in managing meetings going forward.

2. Minutes of meeting held on February 17, 2021

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Matters arising from previous meeting

None.

4. Discussion of proposed changes for Kresge and Paddock libraries

The Council had received a briefing document ahead of the meeting and the Dean reported that meetings with departments affected by the change were in progress.

5. Role of the Council on the Libraries

A motion was made and approved to discuss agenda item 5 “Role of the Council on the Libraries” first.

There was robust discussion at the meeting about the role of the Council on the Libraries and reflected the following:

- Commitment from council members and library leadership to deepen engagement and advance a shared governance model that provides advice and feedback on strategic planning and developments.
- Reflection and acknowledgement that the council membership is intentionally broad, including faculty members (A&S and Professional Schools), undergraduate students, a graduate student, a postdoc, and representatives from the offices of the Provost, Dean of College, and Dean of Guarini School.
- Understanding that while ultimately decisions will be agreed by the Dean of Libraries and Provost, timely input in the decision-making process by the council is critical.
- Suggested that annual strategic priorities could be discussed at the first meeting of the academic year to outline a broad roadmap for focus of subsequent meetings.
- Suggested that Provost attend a meeting to give overview of institutional priorities and budget.
- The changing membership of committees like the council can result in a lack of institutional memory. A smooth handoff from chair to chair was considered very important.
- The Provost's office is currently reviewing how all Provost councils are set up. The current Chair (Janice McCabe) and the incoming Chair (Hakan Tell) are meeting with the Dean of Libraries and the Provost's office this week.
- The Council could review again its current charge, which was last updated in 2018. Time should be devoted at a future meeting to determine practices that would underpin a collaborative engagement.
- It was acknowledged that fostering a culture of engaged membership requires commitment from all.
- Council members suggested that part of their active engagement should be supporting the Library through advocacy, highlighting its critical role in support of the academic mission of Dartmouth.
- Further feedback and comments prior to the next meeting could be sent to the Chair and the Dean.

6. Any other business (AOB)  
None.

7. Upcoming meetings:

- April 21, 2021
- May 19, 2021