



Library

## COUNCIL ON THE LIBRARIES

Tuesday, 27 September 2022  
12noon – 1:00pm

### Minutes

Present: Cantor, Castelot, Davis, Donovan, Gleiser, Goodman, Hovis, Mehrer, Millman, Olivetti, Parker (Chair), Singh, Sunde, Tell, Vereshchuk, Webster

Apologies: Chor, Skinner

Library Leadership Team: Chamberlain, Reynolds, Taxman

1. Welcome

The Dean and Chair welcomed the Council and members introduced themselves.

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 24 May 2022

The Minutes of the May 24, 2022 meeting were approved as written.

3. Matters arising from the previous meeting

None.

4. Priorities for the academic year

Connecting to faculty governance and the Provost remains a priority for the Council. The Provost has agreed to attend the Council's meeting in January, by which time decisions will have been made regarding the budget planning round. The Council will be interested in discussing the budget, understanding the logic behind decisions and tradeoffs, and conveying the importance of the Library to its constituencies represented on the Council.

The Council will continue to engage with the issues of textbook affordability, open educational resources, open access, sustainable access to information resources, and the role of the Library in addressing these issues. Additionally, the Council may consider online learning efforts and the ways in which that dovetails with affordability and access.

5. Library Strategic Planning: overview of upcoming planning activities

The Library's strategic planning has also been identified as an important priority for the Council this year. In light of the events over recent years, including the pandemic, social justice movements, and shifts in research and scholarship, it's an opportune time to consider the role of the Library in the changing research and learning ecosystem and its sphere of influence in the information landscape. The Library is partnering with IDEO to facilitate strategic planning in two phases: one focused on the purpose of the Library, including in-depth work with the academic community during the fall term; and the second focused on strategy in the winter/spring term.

Members of the Council will be invited to participate in co-design workshops for staff, students, and faculty on October 25, 26, and 27.

The Chair noted that assisting in strategic planning for the Library is part of the Council's mandate. Some Council members expressed concern about requesting faculty and students' time during mid-terms. The Council discussed timing the workshops to maximize participation. Council members inquired about departmental engagement, in light of the differing needs across disciplines. The Dean noted that this process facilitated by IDEO is focusing on bringing together multiple perspectives for a deeper dive. The Library has been intentional in identifying participants to ensure both broad representation and deep engagement. The Dean also noted that the Library is planning to gather wider faculty and student input via surveys.

Council members asked about the last time the Library conducted strategic planning. It's been a decade or more since the Library did a self-study. While the Library does have established strategic objectives and priorities, which are high-level and provide an overall framework, the strategic planning process will focus on priorities and directions for the next 3-5 years.

Before adjourning the meeting, the Dean reminded the Council that the next meeting will be held November 8.