

University Library Committee  
Wednesday, September 14, 2022, 3:15–4:45 p.m.  
Milner 311 Conference Room

The meeting started at 3:18 pm. and was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Attendees: Andie Baker, Martin Engelke, Sue Franzen, Kathryn Jasper, Dallas Long, Tobias Pret, and Rachel Scott

1. **Election of New Chair.** Jasper would serve but will be going on sabbatical in spring. Pret asked about the workload related to chair responsibilities. Pret offered to chair with the caveat that he will be going up for tenure and will be busy. Voting cannot be done, as there is not a quorum. Engelke has offered to serve as Vice Chair, pending a vote.
2. **October Meeting Plan.** Scott offered that library administration can schedule library speakers. Long suggested inviting Paul Unsbee to give an overview of the new technology added to the library building.
3. **Scheduling of Meetings.** Depending on when the dates fall, the chair may sometimes cancel meetings (December or March, for example)
4. **VR in the library.** Jasper asked about VR in the library. Long explained the plan for the computer lab as a VR space did not come to fruition due to faculty feedback. Funds for VR lab became strategic budget carryover. Some funds will go to the digital scholarship lab. Jasper answered a question about what is included within digital scholarship. Scott added examples of projects. Long and Scott described the technology that will be in the new lab. Pret asked about the future use of the computer lab space. Long said no decision has been made yet.
5. **Vendor Agreements.** Scott discussed the Elsevier Freedom Collection, including access only, five-year window, average cost, majority of Elsevier titles (excluding premium titles), no open access publishing fee waivers or discounts, payment structure; Get It Now and ILL, evaluating titles based on cost-per-use; Taylor & Francis Education journals, including access only, open access fee waivers, price negotiations. Pret asked if we retain the five-year access to Elsevier journals. Scott explained that the deal is only for digital, and access is not permanent.
6. **Open Access.** Scott talked about agreements Milner currently has with vendors to publish open access. For the future, library will look for more open access deals, especially with non-profit publishers and scholarly associations or societies.
7. **Indirect Charges.** Long explained indirects in response to a question from Pret about where money for vendor deals will come from, especially if the budget is static.
8. **Microfilm weeding.** Scott explained that backfiles for historical newspapers and magazines allowed for library space reclamation by weeding microfilm and offering online to make access and use easier for students and faculty. It also allows the library to save money on ongoing costs as these were outright purchases and not subscriptions.
9. **Supplemental Funds for Collection Development.** Scott & Long explained that extra funding has been offered to subject librarians for special collection projects.
10. **Software Purchases.** Engelke asked if the library purchased specialized software based on faculty needs. Long said software purchases have been limited in the past. However, as specialized software is needed more and more (especially related to the digital

scholarship lab), it's possible the library will be more involved in providing software along with Office of Academic Technologies.