



VCU Libraries Advisory Committee Friday, September 24, 2021, 2:00-3:00 pm, Zoom

Attending

Jean Bailey, Matt Bogenschutz, Rachel Cloutier, Ywone Edwards-Ingram, Catherine Ingrassia (*chair*), Inho “Richard” Jho, Jim Keck, Valerie Robnolt, Jayaraman Vijayakumar, Dayanjan (Shanaka) Wijesinghe

Absent

T. Corey Bailey, Leila Brinegar, Nastassja Lewisnki, Sonali Rathore, Shawn Rosalez, Samara Shabon, David Shields, Christy Tyndall

VCU Libraries staff

Trudi Batiste (*recording secretary*), Kathy Bradshaw, Laura Gariepy, Jimmy Ghaphery, Irene Herold, Teresa L. Knott, Tammy Sugarman

Business

Introduction of members (Catherine Ingrassia)

Review and approval of agenda (Catherine Ingrassia)

The meeting opened at 2:04 pm. Agenda approved with no objections.

Review and approval of minutes from April 2, 2021 (Catherine Ingrassia)

Minutes from April 2, 2021 were approved as presented.

Reports and Discussion

VCU Libraries Overview and Update (Irene Herold)

Both Cabell Library and the Health Sciences Library are considerably busier than last year, although we are still only seeing about 50% of the traffic we saw pre-pandemic in Fall 2019. Due to changes in library use both pre-pandemic and over the past two years, hours of operation have been reduced at both locations. Some staffing challenges at HSL have also contributed to closures on Saturdays.

- Cabell’s new hours are 7:00 am - 2:00 am most days of the week, and HSL hours are 7:00 am - 8:00 (M-Th). Full hours are available on the hours [webpage](#). Extensive [Chat hours](#) are also available at both Cabell and HSL.

By this time next year, construction for gender inclusive restrooms will be completed for both Cabell and Health Sciences.

The [Miller Collection](#) has arrived. The Miller collection consists of prints, engravings, lithographs, photographs, and silhouettes dating from the 17th to 20th centuries that are related to the history of medicine.

VCU Libraries will conduct the Federal and Administrative Cost Recovery (FACR) Survey from September 2021 – August 2022. The study is done periodically as the university prepares to renegotiate its indirect costs rate for Facilities & Administration (F&A) on federally funded research.

Health Sciences Library's first FACR survey period was on September 21st. Cabell's first survey period will take place on September 29th.

[Cabell First Novelist](#) event will be held November 10, 2021. A speaker for Black History month is in negotiations.

Cabell library is in process of identifying a space for a reflection/serenity room.

We have many study rooms that can be [reserved](#) for individual or group study. There are 50+ rooms at Cabell and 12 at Health Sciences. Students may use the library common spaces at any time for internet access. We also have a number of desktops available for students who do not have computers.

VCU Sustainable Scholarship Work Group (John Cyrus)

The [presentation](#) was an overview of the charge, goals, and work of SSWG. The group has been tasked with communicating issues that have been centered around bundle journal subscriptions. The group continues to raise awareness about issues surrounding scholarship and publishing.

Elsevier update: Elsevier has provided VCU Libraries with a proposal starting in 2022. We have forwarded a counter proposal and await a response. We hope to complete negotiations within the next month.

Open and Affordable Course Content (Jimmy Ghaphery)

Ghaphery provided an update on the progress of the [Open and Affordable Content](#) efforts. Since 2016, we are at over 47,000 students (duplicated headcount) and \$4.6 million in savings.

In July, [three VCU projects](#) were awarded state grants supporting creation of no-cost course materials. In addition, [eight projects](#) received Affordable Course Content Awards.

Request: Please share information with your colleagues regarding the [VIVA Open Adopt Grants](#) (due October 4) and [VIVA Open Educational Workshops](#). VIVA is the Virtual Library of Virginia. The consortium has state funding to provide some resources and services to universities across Virginia

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 pm.