

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE**

**LIBRARIES COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of 10 October 2017
Waldo Library – Room 3077**

Members Present: Wanda Hadley, Richard Junger, Jinseok Kim, John Saillant, Joyashish Thakurta

Members Absent: Ila Baker, Mary Ann Stark

Ex Officio Member Present: Bret Wagner

Advisory Member Present: Julie Garrison, Dean, University Libraries

Advisory Member Absent: Barbara Cockrell, Associate Dean, University Libraries

The meeting was called to order by Chair Saillant at 3:05 p.m.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Acceptance of the Agenda

There was a motion by Thakurta, seconded by Wagner, to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of 23 March and 12 September 2017 Minutes

Kim pointed out that he had not yet been appointed to the committee as of 12 September, so he should not have been listed as an absent member.

There was a motion by Thakurta, seconded by Junger, to approve the 23 March and 12 September minutes as edited. Motion carried.

Chair's Remarks

Saillant reported that Stark had told him that she is willing to serve as secretary but that she could not attend today's meeting. He suggested that if the committee wished to elect her secretary, it could do so in her absence. He also volunteered to take minutes in the absence of a secretary. Finally, he introduced two new members of the committee, Wanda Hadley and Jinseok Kim, and asked them to say a few words about themselves.

ACTION ITEM

Election of Officers

A motion was made by Wagner, seconded by Kim, to elect Junger as vice chair and Stark as secretary. Motion carried.

DISCUSSTION ITEMS

Presentation to the Faculty Senate

There was discussion of the value of conveying information about developments in the University Libraries to the faculty through the Faculty Senate. The committee identified the budget and physical changes in Waldo Library as of most interest to the faculty at large. Wagner agreed to bring the topic to the Executive Board to suggest it confer with Dean Garrison about an appropriate time for her to make such a presentation to the Senate. The committee agreed to give feedback

to the dean should it be needed as the presentation is prepared over time.

Waldo Libraries Carrels Policy

Dean Garrison circulated a draft of a letter to be mailed to some current carrel holders. The letter will ask long-term carrel holders to re-apply for the use of a carrel. That application will be consistent with current policy as well as an effort to distribute carrel access more equitably. The committee agreed that the letter is appropriate.

OTHER

The next meeting is scheduled for 14 November 2017, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Waldo Library – room 3077.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m. by Chair Saillant.

Respectfully submitted by: John Saillant, Chair