



## VCU Libraries Advisory Committee Friday, January 28, 2022, 2:00-3:00 pm, Zoom

### Attending

Jean Bailey, Matt Bogenschutz, Leila Brinegar, Rachel Cloutier, Ywone Edwards-Ingram, Catherine Ingrassia (*chair*), Inho “Richard” Jho, Jim Keck, Nastassja Lewinski, Valerie Robnolt, David Shields, Christy Tyndall, Jayaraman Vijayakumar

### Absent

T. Corey Davis, Sonali Rathore, Shawn Rosalez, Samara Shabon, Dayanjan (Shanaka) Wijesinghe

### VCU Libraries staff

Erica Brody, Laura Gariepy, Jimmy Ghaphery, Irene Herold, Teresa L. Knott, Tammy Sugarman

### Business

Dr. Catherine Ingrassia, chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. The agenda was reviewed and approved. [Minutes from the November 19, 2021](#) of the VCU Libraries Advisory Committee (VLAC) were approved.

### Reports and Discussion

#### Renovation and Planning

- Associate Deans Laura Gariepy and Teresa Knott outlined the VCU Libraries renovations and plans for future growth using the linked [slide deck](#). Dates in the presentation were corrected for the off-site storage facility. It is anticipated to be finished by April 2025.
- Knott fielded questions regarding the timeline of the new Health Sciences Library. According to [VCU’s 6-year Capital Plan](#), VCU may request funds in about 5-6 years (2026-2028 biennium), but that is contingent on many things happening.

#### Library Administered Surveys

- Gariepy and Knott shared information about the following surveys.
- The Facilities and Cost Recovery (FACR) Survey measures use of library resources to support federally-funded programs at VCU. The survey kicked off in September 2021. It is administered in random periods on a monthly basis through a print survey distributed at the door and an online survey. Due to the omicron variant, we opted to not distribute the survey in January and extend the survey period through September 2022. Please help spread the word to faculty about this survey, so that we have a clear understanding of how library resources are used by federally funded research, which can have budget implications for the university and VCU Libraries.

- The LibQual survey will be administered to VCU Libraries from March 21 - April 8. This online survey asks for library users' satisfaction with library collections, services, and spaces. We have administered this survey regularly since 2004, and it has played a key role in developing and evolving VCU Libraries buildings, materials, and ways we engage with students, faculty, and staff. It will be sent to all faculty and a subset of undergraduate and graduate students. Incentives will be offered. Response rates are a challenge (9.2% in 2017), so please encourage participation in your units.

#### VIVA Open Educational Grants

- Associate Dean Jimmy Ghaphery noted that:
  - We have preliminary VCU results from a statewide survey on the impact of course material costs that was administered in the fall of 2021. More findings will be released including comparisons with other institutions. Initially we are seeing consistent concerns from VCU students about the impact of course material costs on their academic success.
  - Statewide open education grants for faculty are open now, due Feb 23, 2022. The maximum amount is \$30,000, and multi-institutional partnerships are encouraged. [More information is linked here.](#)
  - For follow up, [Jessica Kirschner, OER Librarian](#), is available to assist and consult.

#### VCU Libraries Inclusion and Diversity Committee

- Erica Brody, Research and Education Librarian, Liaison to the School of Dentistry, and chair of the VCUL's Inclusion and Diversity Committee described the committee and their work. She highlighted the following:
  - Worked collaboratively to develop [VCU Libraries Diversity Statement](#).
  - Offered VCU Libraries employees the opportunity to participate in the [Walking the Ward](#) program with Gary Flowers which explores the history and legacy of Richmond's Jackson Ward area, which sits between the MCV and Monroe Park Campuses. It was considered "Black Wall Street" and "Harlem of the South." Thirty-four VCUL employees participated.
- Members of the VLAC suggested reaching out to other diversity and inclusion councils in Schools/Colleges. VLAC members are welcome to share the [slide deck used in Erica's presentation](#).

#### Upcoming Events (Herold, 3-5 minutes)

- February 10th, 2022 from 7pm to 8:30 pm (in person or online). Black History Month Lecture: Annette Gordon-Reed "On Juneteenth"
- February 22nd lecture. 11-12:30 pm (online only). Chasing my Cure: A Doctor's Race <https://www.library.vcu.edu/about/events/2021-2022/rare-diseases-event.html>

#### Dean Irene Herold shared the following information with the committee:

- VCU Libraries was selected as a host site 2022-2023 ARL Leadership and Career Development. Will have 20-25 librarians learn about leadership from us.
- Recently received two grants:
  - Network of the National Library of Medicine, collaboration with the Wright Center for Clinical and Translational Research. Working through public libraries to reach underserved communities about clinical trials.
  - Three interns this summer from URM groups in librarianship.
- Looking at joining [Academic Preservation Trust](#). It would provide alternative space for digital objects; could negotiate sub-contracts for other cultural heritage sites.

At a future meeting of the VLAC, Gariepy will share data about librarian-led instruction in 2021-2022.

- Dr. Ingrassia adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm.

### **Informational Links**

[VLAC charge and roster](#)

[Library Events Website](#)

[Researcher Support](#)

[Sustaining our journal collections](#)

### **Upcoming Events**

VLAC meets 2:00-3:00pm on April 1, 2022. [Zoom link](#).