



Virginia Commonwealth University VCU Libraries Advisory Committee

[Zoom](#)

Friday, April 1, 2022, 2:00-3:00 pm

Attending

Jean Bailey, Matt Bogenschutz, Leila Brinegar, Rachel Cloutier, Ywone Edwards-Ingram, Inho “Richard” Jho, Jim Keck, Valerie Robnolt (*acting chair*), Jayaraman Vijayakumar, Dayanjan (Shanaka) Wijesinghe, Shawn Rosalez, Nastassja Lewisni, David Shields, Christy Tyndall

Absent

T. Corey Bailey, Sonali Rathore, Samara Shabon, Catherine Ingrassia (*chair*)

VCU Libraries staff

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

Business

Dr. Valerie Robnolt served as acting chair and opened the meeting at 2:03 pm. The agenda was reviewed and approved. The VLAC [minutes from January 28, 2022](#) were reviewed and approved.

Reports and Discussion

Dean Herold shared the following information with the committee:

- Progress is being made on the Reflection Room.
- All were invited to attend the annual lecture by Charles Brownell and his sister, Louisa on the architecture around Monroe Park Campus on Saturday, April 2, 2022.
- [VCU Day of Giving](#) will take place on April 28, 2022. It was requested that all share this information on their social media platforms. The VCU Libraries will highlight scholarships and the no-cost textbook initiative. A matching gift will be provided by the [Hansen Family Foundation](#) to support the Social Welfare History Project.

Annual Review of Technology Spending Plans

- Associate Dean Jimmy Ghaphery shared a [slide presentation on HEETF and STF technology plans](#) for 2022-23 summarizing the memo distributed before the meeting.
 - A motion was passed unanimously to endorse the VCU Libraries technology plan to request approximately \$337,000 for next year; \$120,000 for HEETF and \$217,000 for STF.



- As part of this plan, Cabell Library will reduce the number of public computers by 25% in response to a drop in usage and demand for study space and other student technology needs.

Statewide Survey on Course Materials

- Open Educational Resources Librarian, Jessica Kirshner, [shared a presentation on Open and Affordable Course Materials Survey](#).
 - Students were surveyed in Fall 2021 about the relationship between materials and what is beneficial to students. There were 5600 student responses from over 41 institutions. Results are available on the [VIVA website](#). There were 5600 student responses from over 41 institutions. Results are available on the [VIVA website](#).
 - Jessica addressed questions regarding faculty recommendations and licensing noting that unlimited licensing for ebooks available to VCU faculty and students.

Springer Usage Data / Future Plans

- Associate Dean Tammy Sugarman shared a slide deck on VCU Libraries' relationship with Springer/Nature.
- We subscribe to a package of over 3,000 titles through a consortia agreement. Approximately 45% of the titles have low usage.
- Our contract with Springer/Nature will expire December 31, 2023.

Preview of Instruction/Research User Data

- In her [presentation](#), Associate Dean Laura Gariepy shared VCU Library trends, including librarian-led instruction, online instruction, consultation, and chat/text. She noted that the numbers for this year are incomplete, but that fuller trends could be shared next fall. One notable trend that can be seen even with incomplete numbers is the continuous growth in our chat/text interactions.

This is the last VLAC meeting of the year. A call will go out in August to recruit representatives.

Dr. Robnolt adjourned the meeting at 3:11 pm..

Informational Links

[VLAC charge and roster](#)

[Researcher Support](#)

[Sustaining our journal collections](#)

[Open and Affordable Course Content](#)

Upcoming Events

VLAC meeting dates for the upcoming year will be scheduled and posted on the [website](#).