



VCU Libraries

VCU Libraries Advisory Committee Teleconference – Zoom Friday, January 29, 2020, 2:00-3:00 pm

Attending

Tom Nelson (*chair*), Aniket Jadvah, Catherine Ingrassia, Christy Tyndall, James Smither, Jayaraman Vijayakumar, Jean Bailey, Lelia Brinegar, Matt Bogenschutz, Rachel Cloutier, Richard Joh, Srinivas Sistla, T. Corey Davis, Valerie Robnolt

Absent

Holly Morrison, Lex Coelho, Nastassja Lewinski, Sydney Biodini

VCU Libraries staff

Antonia Vassar (*recording secretary*), Emily J. Hurst, Jimmy Ghaphery, Kathy Bradshaw, Laura Gariepy, Tammy Sugarman, Teresa L. Knott

Business

Review and approval of agenda (Tom Nelson)

The meeting opened at 2:00 pm. Agenda approved with no objections.

Review and approval of minutes from November 11, 2020 (Tom Nelson)

Minutes from November 11, 2020 were approved as presented.

Reports and Discussion

VCU Libraries Overview and Update (Teresa Knott)

Interviews for a new dean of libraries and university librarian begin February 1, 2021. [Candidate information](#) is available on the Provost's website. The deadline for submitting questions on the candidate's forums is February 2. Forum sessions will be posted between February 22-23.

In their most recent meeting, the Board of Visitors approved renaming the Tompkins-McCaw Library to Health Sciences Library. VCU Libraries officially began working January 1 to systematically change the name in various online and print locations.

VCU Libraries retained Elsevier ScienceDirect content for 2021 when Elsevier eliminated a price increase. During 2022, VCU Libraries will evaluate ScienceDirect content and weigh reducing content. Internally, a Sustainable Scholarship Communications group has been charged to map out communication strategies for 2021, ensuring that the VCU community is kept informed of developments around unbundling "big deal" subscription licenses such as Elsevier's ScienceDirect.

Request: Recruiting VLAC volunteers for occasional assistance to Sustainable Scholarship Communications group. This might involve one-on-one conversations or in-person/Zoom sessions to provide feedback on messaging. Ideally, would like 3-5 VLAC members to volunteer to provide

feedback. Members would not serve on the committee. The time commitment is expected to be less than 5 hours between now and December. If anyone is willing, please email tlknott@vcu.edu.

Request: Please share any feedback regarding the closure of Cabell during the intersession and J-term (December 28-31). Please send comments to Teresa Knott or Laura Gariepy (lwgariepy@vcu.edu).

VCU Libraries COVID-19 Updates (Laura Gariepy, Emily Hurst, and Tammy Sugarman)

Laura Gariepy: Both libraries are requiring use of [Entry Pass](#). Libraries are accepting a very limited number of visitors, appointments required. Face covering enforcement is more stringent. Upon noncompliance, users are immediately asked for their VCU ID and given a written warning. Preliminary compliance numbers have been at 95% to 97% (which is higher than last semester). The no food or drink policy continues with exception of Cabell Starbucks. All communal seating in Starbucks was removed and food/drink in Cabell atrium are no longer allowed. Expanded hours for chat/text (until midnight on school nights). Slightly reduced building hours for both libraries, but hope to expand hours later in the spring semester. See [website](#) for hours. Have not received any complaints from students about hours reduction. Many adjustments to services to offsite students/faculty such as delivery of materials continue.

Emily Hurst: Health Sciences Library (HSL) opening slightly later on weekdays, now closed on Saturdays. Please send any student/employee feedback regarding hours to ejhurst@vcu.edu.

Tammy Sugarman: VIVA received state funding for two years to expand online collections. New databases available through VIVA with streaming content include AVON (Academic Video Online), Docuseek Complete Collection, Sage Video: Counseling & Psychotherapy Collection, Sage Video: Criminology & Criminal Justice, and Sage Video: Nursing. VCU Libraries continues to license streaming media from Kanopy and Swank and has added subscriptions to The New York Times Academic: Current access to the New York Times, LGBT Studies in Video, Mergent Historical Annual Reports Collection--United States, Afro-Americana Imprints, Artfilms, Broadway HD and Human Kinetics ebook collection. We have also added over 150 ebooks to the collection to expand access to diverse and underrepresented materials. Databases with streaming video and audio content are listed here: <https://apps.library.vcu.edu/dblist/category/150>. A full list of databases is available at <https://apps.library.vcu.edu/dblist/>.

Open and Affordable Course Content (Jimmy Ghaphery)

VCU Libraries has been working on open and affordable course content since summer 2016 with a focus on faculty autonomy and student success. We have recorded an estimated cumulative impact of 323 courses, 520 sections, 39,617 student seats, and \$4 million in student savings. This involves many partners at VCU and across the state. Jean Bailey suggested as an alternative to “student seats” language: “duplicated and unduplicated headcount”.

Programs include library licensed material (ebooks), and awards and support for faculty authored material. Next applications for [VIVA Open Course Grants](#) (up to \$30,000) are due Feb. 23rd. VIVA Open Course Grants encourage multi-institution collaboration and ideas that can be replicated across the state.

Request: Please help us amplify this message about open and affordable course content with your faculty colleagues. [Jessica Kirschner](#) is the VCU OER Librarian and stands ready to consult and partner on any of these activities. More information is available at <https://go.vcu.edu/textbooksavings>.

Teresa Knott invited all to the [20th Annual Black History Lecture](#) on February 3rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.