

# NBLF Meeting

June 2, 2017

## Minutes

**Present:** Stephanie Bartz, Jeanne Boyle, Janet Croft, Kayo Denda (chair), Rebecca Gardner, Francesca Giannetti (recorder), Tom Glynn, Erica Gorder, Karen Hartman, Marty Kesselman, Triveni Kuchi, Mei Ling Lo, Kevin Mulcahy, Jill Nathanson, Jordan Nielsen, Jim Niessen, Laura Palumbo, Fernanda Perrone, Janice Pilch, Lily Todorinova, Judit Ward, Ryan Womack, Connie Wu, Tao Yang

1. Agenda was approved.
2. Minutes from May 5, 2017 meeting were approved, with a minor emendation to Mulcahy's item under "Updates and Announcements," specifically the reference to the title of his talk, "Post-humanism for Beginners: Evolution and 1950s Science Fiction."
3. Collection development and selectors/liaison discussion. Triveni Kuchi (30 min.)

A subgroup of Kuchi, Hartman, Mulcahy and Niessen created some discussion points/questions for this agenda item. Due to changes in the RUL's structure, the collection development discussions are encouraged to be initiated by each campus/university based on academic units' needs and directions. There is confusion about procedural issues and possibly a deeper misunderstandings about organizational change. The NBLF is eager to work in a more strategic and proactive way in these matters and had the following questions to Tao Yang, who was in attendance.

- a. What is the process for NBL selectors/liaison input in collection matters?

A recent call for priorities by Interim AVP/Director of NBL led to confusion. In prior years, RUL's disciplinary (e.g. social sciences, sciences, humanities) selectors met and developed a prioritized list. In this new model, the full Library Cabinet will examine director recommendations to establish priorities in collection development. Priorities that are left out will be tabled and may be included in the budget proposal for the following fiscal year. The criteria are budget and need. For this process to function, directors need selector input.

- b. When are collections funded as NBL vs. Central, especially when electronic format is preferred?
- c. We have moved from a local to central model in part because of an increased reliance on electronic resources accessible for the entire RU community. A question was raised about a potential return to a local model, given the specific constraints of RCM. Yang explained that in the RUL budget, there are five pots of money; one for each university, and one for central functions. So far the central pot is the sole source of the collections budget. Yang doubted if that will ever change. In addition, he wondered if that did change, how it might impact the Libraries. Suppose each university funded the

collections directly with its local budget, would it be easier for the Health Sciences libraries to ask RBHS to fund new resources? Would Rutgers-NB invest more in its priority areas? It is hard to predict the future direction of the universities and the implications for the Libraries.

- d. What is the process for NBL selectors/liaisons to submit system-wide/central requests given directors' priority lists (ex. Kanopy)?

In New Brunswick, the Content Team could potentially take the role of gathering and synthesizing recommendations for the NBL director. In August, there is a cabinet retreat at which forward looking budget decisions are made; submitting collection priorities prior to this retreat is advisable. Additional questions: can the collection priorities spreadsheet be generated from the Central Funds Request Form and updated to allow for real-time tracking and updating, so that when resources are acquired, they are struck from the list? Is it necessary for an electronic resource to appear on multiple directors' lists before it is acquired? Does New Brunswick have a voice equal to that of Newark and Camden, or is it weighted by population?

- e. Where can NBL selectors/liaisons discuss collections and liaison related issues?

The Content Team is an appropriate venue for NBL collection issues. The Collections Analysis Group is systemwide, and may be an appropriate venue to discuss electronic resources. Since CAG membership was based on now defunct LRC, there needs to be a mechanism on election/selection going forward. This and other issues will be discussed at the next meeting of CAG on June 21. Other questions for CAG discussion: existing structures for collection-related discussions at RBHS, Camden, and Newark; necessity of building consensus among disciplinary selectors on other campuses before completing [Central Funds Request Form](#).

#### 4. Faculty Request Purchases in the Off-Season. Tao Yang (10 min.)

- a. The allocation of non-state funds was inadvertently late in the last two cycles, for different reasons. After discussing with the Central Technical Services, the Budget Office, and the Collection Analysis Group, Yang proposed measures to allow selectors to purchase faculty requested titles after the cut-off date but before the end of fiscal year. After the roll-over period, during which purchasing must still be halted, the library could make available a percentage of endowments to support faculty requests. The hope is to allow purchasing during most months of the year, in some form or another. Selectors may consider setting aside resources for off-season requests.
- b. The privacy issue was raised regarding system-generated notification of a faculty requested title because it uses the netID of the faculty. Some selectors put their own netIDs in the notes field, and then send their own notifications to individual faculty members. Selectors may continue this practice.

#### 5. Report from the Chair. Kayo Denda (10 min.)

- a. Magnoni accepted position of AVP/Director of NBL. All present expressed gratitude to Boyle for her interim service, and to search committee members for their work.

- b. Denda thanked Mullen and Niessen for volunteering to run for NBLF Deputy Chair/Chair Elect. The election closes June 7.
6. Report from the Interim AVP/Director of NBL. Jeanne Boyle (30 min.)
- a. NBL Year-End Spending. With remaining balance of non-state funds, quotes for the following waitlisted and recommended titles were requested, in consultation with the Content Team leader and NBL disciplinary representatives: *APA Handbook of Behavioral Analysis*, *APA Handbook of Research Methods in Psychology*, *Comprehensive Biotechnology*, *The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest: 1500 to the Present*, and *University Lecture Series (American Mathematical Society)*. Additionally, the Art Library approval plan will be sustained with the free balances until the end of fiscal year. Boyle approved year-end purchases of 92 desktop computers to replace machines that are six to ten years old. Salary savings are being held for new AVP/Director's arrival.
  - b. Signs. Communications has completed an inventory of all signs in NBL to determine which ones need to be replaced.
  - c. Cabinet. There will be a June 6 Cabinet retreat. The spreadsheet included in last cabinet minutes show ca. 195 priorities under consideration. A request for Kanopy's PDA program has not yet been addressed. Groups will be charged to address some of the priorities, e.g. collection management processes.
  - d. Learning and Engagement Department will be led by Kuchi as of July 1.
  - e. Kuchi and Lipinski coordinate Service Points Team (Experience Department) in the interim before new membership and leadership is decided by steering. The Service Points team is working on documenting approaches to triage in each library and coming up with best practices.
  - f. Library Directors. Charging group to work on READ Scale adoption for chat and email reference, and LibAnswers implementation; three volunteers from NBLF have agreed to participate (Glynn, Ward, and Croft). Continuing to examine instruction statistics, one critical measure of impact that goes to university administrators. Also looking at LibGuide statistics, LMS penetration, tutorial usage. Access services urges selectors to examine books in need of repair and/or withdrawal.
  - g. Interim replacements for Gasparotto's subject areas have been identified: Saucedo will take Iberian and Latin American studies, Glynn will take African and Africana studies.
7. NBLF representative on Planning Committee. Karen Hartman (10 min.)

In Libraries' new structure, there will be a Planning Committee (PC) that consists of faculty chair, faculty vice chair, and campus and special collections representatives. NBLF bylaws state that the NBLF chair is the representative of New Brunswick to the PC. Because the incoming NBLF chair (Mulcahy) is also the incoming faculty vice chair, Hartman, the incoming faculty chair, proposed nominating a second NBLF representative to PC. It was agreed that the Deputy NBLF chair, once elected, would be a natural choice. Once the election of NBLF Deputy chair/Chair concludes, Denda will ask the Deputy chair to serve in the PC. Kevin and Stephanie will draft a bylaws revision to be voted on at the next meeting.

8. Report on Coutts Approval Plan for Rutgers Authors. Jim Niessen (10 min.)

A question was raised about faculty authors whose books have not been automatically acquired through the Rutgers authors approval plan. The OASIS profile for the Rutgers authors plan was initially funded by AYAX, and now it is supported with other central funds. The maximum price is \$200; exclusions include juvenile, YA, and ebooks. It was unclear to those present what was missed and why; the selector who raised the issue will be consulted.

9. Report on the IASSIST Conference. Ryan Womack (10 min.)

IASSIST is a society for data-related professionals primarily in the US and Europe. At [IASSIST 2017](#), Womack led workshop entitled “Data literacy for all, with R.” At institutions such as Michigan and Duke, data librarians are exploring questions related to pedagogical praxis and training in research methodologies. Among the goals for the instruction, there was consensus that developing the confidence of the learner was more important than the acquisition of particular skills. Some of the other issues raised included the influence of data science as a “hot topic” that has led to scope creep, and the difficulty of defining boundaries in [library] data services.

A plenary session from faculty at the [Midwest Big Data Hub](#) focused on agricultural data, remote sensing, and the related [AgBioData](#) consortium.

There were presentations on so-called software and “data carpentry,” which are pedagogical initiatives that train people in digital methods. Software carpentry focuses on teaching people to code, while data carpentry is more focused on cleaning and analyzing data. There is now a [library carpentry](#) that focuses on library-specific applications.

New York University librarians presented on reproducible research workflows and their [ReproZip](#) project that allows researchers to capture their entire computing environment. A Purdue librarian spoke about their geodata portal and efforts in floodplane mapping. There were presentations on bibliographic datasets extracted from PubMed and HathiTrust, database techniques to manipulate large datasets, and the meaning of reproducibility in the context of real-time data capture for constantly evolving targets.

10. Announcements

Denda was thanked for the conclusion of her work as NBL chair.

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