

BFC: Libraries Committee Minutes

25 October 2024 Minutes

Attendance: Alexis Peirce Caudell (co-chair), Adam Mazel (co-chair), SP Srinivas, Samantha Eads, Maria Montenegro, David Taylor, Diane Dallis-Comentale

- Introduction & Welcome new members
- September minutes approved
- Overview of Libraries from Diane Dallis-Comentale
 - The Libraries Committee was founded in the 1980s to give input on the Libraries' collection development, but this input is no longer needed by the Libraries
 - The committee could possibly support the library:
 - How can we help steer the Libraries?
 - How should the Libraries support research?
 - What do you wish the library had/did?
 - What do faculty need from the Libraries?
 - How can the Libraries meet current needs (e.g., AI, library publishing/IU Press: future of academic publishing and Open Access (e.g., Nelson Memo), data sharing)
 - What do committee members/faculty want to know more about in regard to the work of the libraries?
 - How the library spends its budget
 - What work is BTAA doing / Big Collection
 - AI
 - SP and Samantha requested a Libraries' "cheat sheet" listing library services to give to students to help them know of and how to use the libraries—esp. databases / finding articles
 - Diane responded that subject/liaison librarians can come to class to introduce library services and recommended that faculty integrate a library overview into their courses
 - Samantha asked about the Libraries-IU Press merger
 - Diane explained that the reasons for the merger include both financial reasons and a desire to streamline and make materials more accessible.
- Committee Member Tasks in preparation the next meeting (November 15)
 - brainstorm what this committee should do to support / forward / direct / promote the library's work. Solicit input from colleagues.