

# University Committee on the Libraries

Minutes

March 20, 2025



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## Attendance

Name	Representing	Present	Absent
Neil Romanosky	Administration	x	
Weiming Li	Agriculture and Natural Resources	x	
Lynn Wolff (Chair)	Arts and Letters	x	
Sydney Logsdon	ASMSU		x
Evan Phan	ASMSU		x
Bill McCarthy	Business	x	
Anna Lin	COGS		x
Michael Tang	COGS	x	
Julia Vogt	COGS	x	
Tiffany Wahl	Communication Arts and Sciences		x
Samantha Lam	Education		x
Jeff Nanzer	Engineering		x
Kathleen Oberst	Human Medicine	x	
Yasumasa Komori	James Madison		x
Tim Innes	Law	x	
Susan Kendall	Libraries	x	
Isaac Record	Lyman Briggs	x	
Ryan Shaw	Music	x	
Shi-You Ding	Natural Science	x	
Patty West	Nursing	x	
Todd Moyerbrailean	Osteopathic Medicine		x
Toby Altman	RCAH	x	
Lisa Fine	Social Science	x	
Annette O'Connor	Veterinary Medicine	x	
Guests:			
Alexandra Rivera	Associate Dean, MSU Libraries	X	

A regular meeting of the University Committee on the Libraries was held on March 20, 2025 at 1:00pm via teams with Lynn Wolff, Chairperson, presiding. The agenda was approved with 1 additional item. The added item was to recruit coverage for the upcoming Faculty Senate and University Council meetings. The minutes of the February 6, 2025, meeting were approved as presented.

## Remarks:

MSU Libraries Update: Dean Romanosky reported on recent events. MSU Libraries are monitoring recent federal orders and activities. A recent executive order that will adversely impact public access to materials is the call for the elimination of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. This would eliminate resources such as Michigan electronic Library (MeL) and Michigan electronic



Library Catalog (MeLCat). The American Library Association has published a position statement available here: <https://www.ala.org/news/2025/03/ala-statement-white-house-assault-institute-museum-and-library-services>. MSU Libraries are sharing advocacy points with government team at MSU.

Submissions for faculty and staff authors to participate with a reception in the fall are being recruited. The specific date is pending. Members are encouraged to share the nomination link: <https://lib.msu.edu/secure/facultyBookSuggestion>. Individuals may self-nominate or submit nominations for others.

Dean Romanosky expressed appreciation to committee members for their service this year.

## **New Business:**

Alex Rivera presented on updates to key documents. A slide deck was presented and is attached to these minutes.



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The *Challenges to Library Materials* policy was recently updated. A work group comprised of faculty and staff drafted language which was approved at multiple levels. The revision expanded the definition of library resources.

The second document presented was a *Recommitment to MSUL Strategic Plan*. The original plan was created by faculty and staff. The updated and revised plan was the result of collaboration of all faculty and staff leading to a revised plan through 2027. The updated plan will be published on the website.

April 8, 2025 Meeting Discussion – A conflict with the April 8, 2025 meeting was identified and members were asked about preferences regarding cancelling the meeting. Members agreed to cancel the upcoming April 8, 2025 meeting and today's meeting will serve as the last meeting for the 24-25 academic year.

UCL Chair and Secretary Nominations/Voting – Chairperson Wolff reported she will be rotating off as Chair and nominations are needed for a new Chair for the 25-26 academic year. The Chair role includes working with Dean Romanosky and the Committee Secretary for monthly meetings. The Chair also attends University Council and Steering Committee meetings as the committee representative. Each meeting is held one time per month. Nominations are also welcomed for the Committee Secretary role. K. Oberst offered to continue serving as Secretary. No

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nominations were provided during the meeting. Dean Romanosky requested nominations by email.

Chairperson Wolff requested coverage for the upcoming University Council and Steering Committee meetings due to a conflict. These dates and times are March 25 3:15-5 and April 22 3:15-5. She will send an email with the dates so that individuals can check their calendars.

## **Returning Business:**

None

## **Comments from the Floor:**

Clarification regarding the Chairperson duties at University Council and Steering Committee was provided. These include presenting the minutes from meetings and submitting semester and annual reporting.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

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**Approved:** September, 8, 2026