

## **HSL Advisory Council Spring 2020 Meeting April 2, 2020**

Meeting began via Zoom at 1:30

Attending: Denice Adkins, Evan Prost, Kate Wessler (in for Michael Hosokawa), Jon Stemmler, Sherri Ulbrich, Deb Ward, Gayle Mooney, Chris Pryor and Diane Johnson

Deb welcomed everyone, saying that MU is at the end of week 2 of working from home and staff is adapting to the reality of zoom meetings, tracking things online etc. She sends out a daily email to library staff and conducts a weekly town hall. The one held yesterday had 77 participants. We have been successful at spreading the word so that access to library materials have been seamless and accessible. Looking ahead, we are dealing with space concerns and some changes in library services. She said she is pleased with how Chris and Diane are handling the duties at the Health Sciences Library since Deb assumed the role of Interim Vice Provost for University Libraries.

Deb was having internet connection problems, so Chris Pryor, Interim Assistant Director of Library Operations for the Health Sciences Library, took over the meeting to discuss the space issue. She said the two big projects concerning space changes are now in a state of pause. SOM would like to keep to the schedule regarding space conversion but two enabling events have to happen before Phase 1 can begin.

1) We need to convert the workroom behind the circulation desk on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor into a functional office. A wall will be built to create a storage cabinet and the staff person from 1<sup>st</sup> floor (Renita) needs to move into the room. Two other staff from 1<sup>st</sup> floor (Caryn and Katy) will be moving to the 212 suite. However, before that happens, 208 will need its door moved. It now opens into HSL 207, a study area. It needs to open into 212. In addition, a large island needs to be removed from 212. HSL 207 will become the new classroom replacing HSL 117. The old classroom accommodated about 20 students; the new classroom should be able to hold about 13 students and the instructor station. HSL 207 must be walled off with glass and drywall before it becomes a classroom. We are using internal construction and design for these changes and the Building Project Team had hoped construction and staff relocation would be completed by mid-May to facilitate the first-floor construction project beginning on June 1. With the situation now, however, we won't know a final schedule until the University is closer to reopening.

2) We also need to address the removal and disposal of displaced items on the first floor. There are approximately 20 carrels that need to be removed/relocated. We also have to find a temporary break room since during Phase 1 construction there will be no access to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. One option is to use the photo copy room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. It has plumbing already and it would be an easy conversion. Currently it has a copier, printer, scanner and two exercise bikes that will have to be relocated.

After this is done, SOM will be able to move on repurposing the 1<sup>st</sup> floor into SOM offices and a suite for anesthesiology. The construction bid for this project opened on March 17 as scheduled. The pre-bid meeting and the contractor meetings will now be handled virtually and not in the HSL space as initially planned. A tentative time frame has the furniture in the public area on 1<sup>st</sup> moved or shifted the week of May 26 and the construction estimated to begin on June 1 and continue through August 14. Again, this is a fluid timeline. There is a phase 2 but Chris said she doesn't know if that will come to fruition.

Denise Adkins asked what the effect was of all the delays because of COVID 19. Chris said the main problem will be the noise level of Phase 1 construction. The most intensive part of the project was

originally scheduled during summer when there would be less students. SOM operates on a different schedule so some students would have already been back, but it was hoped that most of the noise would be done before fall semester started. However, the staff still needs to move off of 1<sup>st</sup> floor and minor construction up on 2<sup>nd</sup> needs to happen first. At this time, we are not sure when the construction will start on first floor.

Chris said we are in preliminary discussions on the future in LCME and SOM testing guidelines as how it relates to reduced seating after the conversion. There are several options being considered. We had Iron Mountain come in and look at moving the collections to an offsite location for temporary storage until the UMLD addition is completed. That is a definite for first floor but we also had them take a look on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and get a quote in case of future plans.

In other news, the library got a new elevator installed and SOM postponed their exams that had been scheduled for 3/26-27 because of the Shelter in Place order.

There were no further question and Chris turned the meeting over to Diane Johnson, Assistant Director, Health Sciences Library Information Services and Resources.

Diane said that HSL librarians have been going through articles appearing each day in Pub Med and sending updates to the infectious disease doctors and other frontline clinicians. MU Healthcare is doing daily COVID 19 alerts. There are now about 50 subscribers to the alerts and anyone who would like them can request them. So far, gathering articles has not been a problem; it is finding the best information that can take time. For example, there were 195 articles added to PubMed just today. We are also being asked to do literature searches, including pulling medical records data from past coronavirus infections, to assist with several article submissions. We help find references or do minor editing. Though the library is physically closed, we can usually find information from other sources. Most, if not all, libraries nationwide are closed right now and everything is being done online.

As far as teaching goes, if teachers need access for classwork, we try to assist them. One of our biggest challenges is obtaining DVDs and streaming videos. Most of the requests we get are for items not for sale but for rental. Some rentals can run as much as \$150/video. The University Libraries had cancelled subscription to Kanopy which had a lot of these. Every video has different rules for storage / streaming. E-books can be readily found but other disciplines need actual books. Some of our vendors flat out took down paywalls. Other medical vendors have removed paywalls for COVID 19 information but not on other topics. Many vendors are offering trials for a limited time but most of these are too expensive to keep for the long term. People might not realize that it is only a trial period and will look for the subscription once the trial ends.

Sheri asked if it was really a free trial or if we would be charged if we didn't cancel. She said that if it was really free and didn't carry a commitment and would get articles into people's hands who need them, then we should do it. Diane said that they really were free with no strings attached but most of the free trials end at the end of May. Many of them are from McGraw Hill who we have had issues with before because of steep increases. When we started with them Access Medicine was \$5K but each year it has gone way up. We are now paying them more than \$80K annually.

Deb said the university just announced that all summer classes will be online. SON had ventured into online courses years ago, but she wondered if anyone else would have difficulty or anticipate problems. She thought that summer was when most of the anatomy labs happened in SHP. Evan said they soon will be discussing this latest development. Sheri said that she is concerned with the nursing skill courses, wondering if they could do it remotely and how that would look. When they figure it out, she will share

with Evan and SHP. Evan said assuming we have classes in the fall, one idea might be to schedule a marathon weekend where students can catch up on the skills they would have learned over the summer. He is starting to talk to other faculty about this. Sherri said that SON has good videos for some skills that don't require humans or mannequins and could envision a two-week boot camp to pick up other skills missed. One thought is to push the semester back by two weeks so there is time to learn these critical skills. We would have a 14, rather than a 16-week, semester. Nothing is final yet; SON has to look at the problem and consider long term consequences. Sheri and Evan promised to talk and share ideas going forward.

Diane said she just read an article on comparisons of anatomy applications for teaching a physical therapy course on line. It was a good article but the parent company of the clear favorite was Elsevier! She will send the article to everyone.

Deb thanked everyone for their attendance and willingness to be on the council She said if anyone has any questions about anything to reach out to HSL staff, and we will try to help.

Meeting adjourned 2:20.