**HSL Advisory Council**

**Spring 2025 Meeting**

**April 18, 2025**

Meeting began via Zoom at 1 pm

**Attending**: Sherri Ulbrich, Mary Christie, Dongsheng Duan, Kevin Kane, Kathy Roseland, Jenny Bossaller, Taira Meadowcroft, Diane Johnson, Terri Hall, Gayle Mooney. Guest: Steven Pryor

Taira welcomed everyone. She said the order of the agenda changed and first up would be the Open Access Journal item. She introduced Steven Pryor, Director of Digital Initiatives.

**Open Access journal**. Stephen said that MU is finally able to publish its own journal, the Missouri Health Journal. Two issues have been published so far, comprised primarily of Health Sciences Research Day abstracts and editorials. He said they are now open for article submissions from prospective authors. He met with the editors to go over the production workflow and peer review processes and we will have another meeting to refresh and clarify these now that we have received several submissions. There is a large stable of peer reviewers. The journal has an ISSN, and articles/issues receive DOI assignments. Anyone wanting information about the journal can go to <https://journals.missouri.edu/mohealth> Submission information is under the “About” tab.

Jenny B asked who is responsible for formatting/typesetting? Is it the author or the editors? Steven said that we can provide some templates, but the editorial team is responsible for all aspects of producing each issue, including putting together the formatted final articles and issues.

There were no other questions and Taira moved onto the next agenda item.

**HSL update:** The Health Sciences Library officially opened in November 2024. Most of the members of the HSL Advisory Board were given a tour of the new facility prior to opening. Taira invited everyone to come back and look at it in full swing. We are a smaller space with a smaller footprint, but very modern in appearance. There is a mix of student study spaces ranging from individual pods to study rooms. We have a steady stream of students and it will probably increase as the semester draws to a close. The students overall seem very favorable to the new design. We also put in sound masking and Taira can say from experience that it masks sound very well.

**New Library Director**: All of the specialized libraries met with Kara Whatley, Vice Provost for the Libraries, to determine whether we wanted to continue having the HSL director also be the AUL for specialized libraries. Everyone agreed that specialized libraries wanted to stay together as a group but when one person was both the director of HSL and AULof specialized libraries, it was difficult to attend to both in the manner each deserved. We will now be looking for a director for HSL and then at some point look for an AUL over all the specialized libraries. This is a positive step forward as both positions will be able to focus solely on their particular area.

And that brought up another piece of news. Diane Johnson, who has worked at HSL for 45 years, will be retiring June 2. We will be allocating her salary to the HSL Director position. Diane is now the Assistant Director of HSL and head of research and information services. It has not been determined what to do with her position once it is vacant, or whether the research librarians would be directly under the HSL Director. That is something we will have to decide.

Taira was asked if we would be conducting a search for HSL Director and if so when would that take place. We will be doing a search. The time frame has not been set yet – there are other positions in the libraries that we are also doing searches for and trying to fill. We had hoped to have someone in place by the time Diane leaves, but this is not likely.

**After-Hours Access**.

We recently started offering swipe access outside normal hours. Since our space is smaller and we have now set up security cameras we decided to do a pilot program to test the feasibility of after-hours access. Currently it is only available to SOM medical students. When our normal closing time approaches, everyone must leave the building and then those with approved access are allowed back in. Everyone has to swipe back in. On 4/2, the first day of the program, we had 237 swipes by 75 individual students. We have to work with hospital security, and they must input all approved students granted after-hours access into their system. We will be surveying to see if other groups are interested and hope to eventually open it to SON and CHP students. The pilot program will run until July 15 at which time we will decide if we want to continue it and what changes may be needed, though we are continually tweaking the program as we go along. So far, we have had positive feedback from current users.

Taira turned the meeting over to Diane Johnson

**Collections update**

Diane said she was happy to report that the Elsevier Freedom Collections has been reinstated. When we broke up the big deals in 2021 we lost access to more than 2000 journals mainly in engineering and health sciences fields. This reinstatement was effective January 1, 2025. We now have access to 2295 journals, including 60 titles that had been heavily requested through interlibrary loan. The access will be in effect for at least the next three years.

She shared a link of a pilot program to provide fast and affordable access to journals we don’t subscribe to:<https://library.missouri.edu/news/resources-and-services/24-7-rush-service-added-for-popular-journals>  So far, we’ve been able to meet the need for about $70,000 worth of journal subscriptions for about $2000.  If there is a journal you frequently need to order and it is not on the list, please let the library know the title; we will see if we can add it.

There are more open access textbooks available all the time.  Diane shared links to some of the new ones for nursing. <https://openstax.org/subjects/nursing>. Principles of Data Science [https://assets.openstax.org/oscms-prodcms/media/documents/Principles-of-Data-Science-WEB.pdf](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fassets.openstax.org%2Foscms-prodcms%2Fmedia%2Fdocuments%2FPrinciples-of-Data-Science-WEB.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Cmooneyg%40missouri.edu%7C0a5695594f8249a7dfb808dd88fc41b7%7Ce3fefdbef7e9401ba51a355e01b05a89%7C0%7C0%7C638817339188697960%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=f2jQKR4RiIg2gwjVMeY9PYpluNTKdLZgh8lhf0w4yy8%3D&reserved=0)

Also [Introduction to behavioral neuroscience / Elizabeth D. Kirby](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fopenstax.org%2Fdetails%2Fbooks%2Fintroduction-behavioral-neuroscience&data=05%7C02%7Cmooneyg%40missouri.edu%7C0a5695594f8249a7dfb808dd88fc41b7%7Ce3fefdbef7e9401ba51a355e01b05a89%7C0%7C0%7C638817339188720055%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=cqRddP08rM9VZo7HXcY5HiVd9wd8VMBMS5P%2FEXW7i7c%3D&reserved=0). (OpenStax) (2024). If anyone is starting a new class or updating their curriculum they use for one of their classes, Diane suggested they contact the library to see if the item is available on open access.

Taira asked if anyone had any questions on anything that had been discussed, or if there was something else that needed to be covered. No one had anything. Taira thanked everyone for coming. We will schedule our fall meeting for probably sometime in October. Gayle will send out an email.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm.