



Librarians Committee Meeting Minutes

William Peace University, Finch Library

Wednesday, October 31, 2018, 3 p.m.

Convener: Nate Hellmers, Committee Chair

In attendance: **Tiwanne Nevels**, Director of Library Services and Archives, Saint Augustine's University; **Carolyn Argentati**, Donald E. Moreland Deputy Director of Libraries, NC State University; **Laura Davidson**, Dean of Library Information Systems, Meredith College; **Nate Hellmers**, Director of Library Services, William Peace University; **Coronado Davis**, Dean of Library Services, Wake Tech Community College; **Tom Clark**, Interim Director of Library Services, Shaw University; **Anita Young**, Interim Campus Librarian at Perry Health Sciences, Wake Tech; **Ashley Morrison**, Associate Head, Access Services, NCSU Libraries; **Jenny Spiker**, CRC Director.

Welcome and Updates: Nate welcomed the members to William Peace and asked for updates from each person:

- **Nate Hellmers, WPU:** They had a big mold outbreak over the summer and had to bring people in for cleanup and had to replace the air conditioning. They have been doing a renovation which includes replacing books and creating a center for immersive learning and new furniture and space layouts. Their FTE count has stayed pretty steady.
- **Tom Clark, Shaw:** They also have finished a round of renovations including new shelves and getting rid of books. And they are creating a collaborative space. They have a new Associate VP for Academic Affairs, Pamela Wilks, who worked at North Carolina A&T and Johnson C. Smith.
- **Tiwanne Nevels, Saint Augustine's:** They have applied for a couple of digitization grants. And they are looking to reinvent new spaces for some departments with Title III funding. In addition, they are readying for a SACS visit.
- **Coronado Davis, Wake Tech:** He is the new Dean of Library Services at Wake Tech and has been in the job for two months. Their main initiative is finding people to fill about six positions. They are also preparing for a SACS visit. Their Southern campus has opened its new library. He previously worked at East Carolina University's Joyner Library, Lenoir Community College, and again at ECU.
- **Anita Young, Wake Tech:** She is now the Health Sciences Interim Campus librarian and used to be at the Scott Northern campus. They are preparing for an accreditation visitation for the dental hygiene program. She also told us about the new library at the new RTP campus so that now Wake Tech has six libraries.
- **Ashley Morrison, NC State:** She is the associate head of Access Services and works on public service projects. Her main office is at the Hunt Library, but she also spends time at the D. H. Hill Library.
- **Carolyn Argentati, NC State:** She is the deputy director of the NCSU Libraries, and she said they are still working on selecting a person to replace the vice provost and director who retired about a year ago. So far they have interviewed four candidates. The interim director is Greg Raschke, who is also a candidate. They have an upcoming renovation at the D. H. Hill Library and will create an Academic Success Center there. They are planning to open the Hillsborough Street doors of that library during the construction phase beginning in May 2019. The renovation is expected to be completed by fall 2020.

- **Laura Davidson, Meredith:** They are starting to write information for SACS, and they will celebrate their library's 50th anniversary in February. They are also working with NCICU (North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities) on a grant for private colleges. They are also planning a library directors' meeting with NCICU.

Minutes from the fall 2017 meeting—were approved.

Library usage charts from NC State: Charts showing statistics from NC State about students from the other colleges borrowing their resources show that usage is still going down from previous years: there were 101 loans this last year compared to 134 the previous year. The institutions that took part were Meredith with 67 loans, Wake Tech with 29, and Shaw with 5 loans. With the easier access to online transactions, it means less of this kind of sharing, but committee members said that their students still go to the NCSU Libraries for resources. Tiwana said that Saint Aug students go there especially after their SAU library closes.

Discussion Topics:

- **Create a digital online form:** The group discussed creating an online form to share information about library borrowing. Ashley said she would draft a form and share it with the group. Some questions were about listing of books borrowed and whether it's possible to report the numbers of faculty borrowing transactions. NC State will follow up on those questions.
- **Workshop ideas for summer 2019:** Jenny pointed out the materials in the packet from this past summer's library workshop, the 11th consecutive one. She also pointed out the list of workshop committee members for this summer's workshop. Here are some ideas this committee suggested for the workshop committee to consider:
 - Have a poster or related session—informal sessions where people could come and talk about the different areas of library operations.
 - Consider lightning rounds—quick presentations where people can share ideas.
 - More possible topics:
 - Hiring and training new employees (onboarding protocols), capturing knowledge from those who have already been learning, cross training, changes of document ownerships
 - Managing student assistants
 - Handling uncomfortable situations (patrons, students, confrontational)—Title IX, disruptive students
 - A poster session by Tiwana—a dissertation on libraries that have business incubators and things they don't teach in library school.

Meredith was the first place to host the workshop, and now might be a good time to go there again. Late July dates are generally best.

--Submitted by Jenny Spiker