

Friends of the Oviatt Library (FOL)
Minutes, July 17, 2020
Zoom Video Conference

The meeting was called to order by Bob at 10:03 a.m.

Present: Dean Mark Stover, Annette Besnilian, Vickie Campbell, Iris Caplan, Joyclyn Dunham, Bob Gohstand, Jamie Johnson, Darnesa Morris, Jim Parker, Marcy Rothman, Rita Streimer and Hazel Wittenberg

The minutes of the May meeting were unanimously approved with corrections.

Announcements:

Mark made a power point presentation about the reopening of the Library based on what is currently known about Covid-19 status. There are four phases the Library will need to go through before it is open to the CSUN community at large. In the first phase, all services will be virtual and the Library will be closed to all but select essential Library personnel; the Library is currently in phase one. Phase two is scheduled for mid-August 2020 and only select Library staff will be allowed in the Library. The third phase is tentatively scheduled for spring 2021; the Library will allow CSUN students to study for limited hours. The fourth phase is scheduled for Summer 2021 which will allow full access to the Library. The Freudian Sip may open in phase four of the Library reopening.

Everything is subject to approval from the University President's office and the Emergency Operations Center, as well as the Chancellor's office, and plans can be changed based on County and State Government directives.

The Library will continue to have all events and meetings conducted using Zoom until further notice.

Bob Gohstand asked about donating one of his collections to Special Collections, and Mark said he would talk to Ellen about the procedures. Bob said he would speak privately with Mark about this. Bob also asked about arranging book donations for the general collection. Mark indicated the Library could work with Friends of the Library Board members in terms of donating books, as permitted by campus rules. Joyclyn mentioned that we have a storage issue so we can only accept a limited number of books for the Library Book Cart. Bob said that he has roamed the Library and we should be more creative in our thinking about storage issues since there will be spaces that will not be used due to Covid-19. Mark will have more future discussions with Bob, Joyclyn and Vickie about book donations offline.

For the most part, the Friends of the Library has suspended book donations from the CSUN community and the broader community until further notice.

Bob asked if we can continue to have monthly FOL Board meetings starting in Sept, the third Friday of each month, and if needed we can adjust the schedule of meetings as needed.

Mark mentioned the new crowd funding effort to raise money to purchase electronic books to be put on book reserves so students who cannot afford their required textbooks can access those learning materials.

Closing Remarks

The next FOL Board meeting will be Friday, Sept. 18th.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.