

Friends of the Oviatt Library (FOL)
Minutes, Nov. 13, 2020
Zoom Video Conference

The meeting was called to order by Bob at 10:05 a.m.

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

The minutes of the September meeting were approved unanimously as written.

Announcements:

Mark mentioned GIS Day is Wednesday, November 18th and there are two events scheduled for that day which are listed on the Library Home page under the Event page.

Mark also brought up the issue of the renaming of the Library. The Sundial had an article about it which you may have read. An advisory committee appointed by President Harrison made up of Vice President of Student Affairs William Watkins, one Library representative (Ellen Jarosz), representatives from the Alumni Association, and CSUN faculty and students, has been working for over a year on the issue. The Sundial article had a synopsis of the report with a link to the full report. The recommendation was that Delmar Oviatt's name should be removed and the Library named simply as University Library. The recommendation will go to the CSU Board of Trustees for the final decision sometime in the spring; we should know what the final outcome will be sometime mid to late Spring.

Despite the Library being closed we are getting a lot done especially the digitization of certain Collections, transcriptions of oral histories, and Reference Librarians are busy helping students out. Librarians are doing a fair amount of instruction too. Books in the Circulating Collection are being checked out and mailed to the students and faculty as needed. Darnesa's department, InterLibrary Loan (ILL), has been very busy due to the loss of an employee and the increase of the workload due to processing incoming and outgoing books per current Covid policy and using the mail to deliver and receive books. Currently, ILL services are cancelled for all non-CSU campuses and ILL is only serving CSU campuses and CSUN students, staff and faculty. Once we resume work on Campus, all regular ILL services should resume.

The Library lockers arrived yesterday which will be installed on the exterior of the front of the Library. The Library lockers will have a wrap around them in their final form, which Joyclyn designed, and will be a collage of the Oviatt Library. A lot of people worked on the lockers including Library Facilities person Jason Billick, Associate Dean Kathy Dabbour, and Systems Librarian Christine Hennessey. Due to Library locker training issues, we will continue to mail out books until the first of the new year.

Mark talked about the new CSUN President Erika D. Beck who will assume her new post as of Jan 11, 2021. Mark is looking forward to her taking office. She seems to be a strong supporter of the Library.

Lindsay Brown, Music & Media Librarian, made a presentation about streaming video services that are available to CSUN students, staff and faculty. She briefly spoke about the history of the Library's film collection and then she explained the various streaming services available to CSUN students, staff and faculty through the Library and why some streaming services are not available through the Library.

The topic of current fundraising projects which Mark was to present per the agenda was tabled until the Dec. meeting.

Closing Remarks

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.