

Friends of the University Library (FOL)
Minutes, March 26th, 2021
Zoom Conference

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

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

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

Announcements:

Bob thanked Vickie for providing thorough minutes, Rita and Mark agreed.

The Student Scholarship Reception is today at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. It is normally a 2-hour event due to students coming up to accept awards, and even though it is scheduled for two hours, it will most likely be just an hour long due to the program being limited to Mark announcing the scholarships and winners. This year due to the Covid-19 situation, Mark allowed students who were no longer employed by the Library to apply for the scholarships. Mark thanked the Scholarship Committee: Darnesa, Jim, and Bob, and staff members Vickie and Joyclyn who worked on the Scholarship Reception. Bob mentioned he found the essays the students wrote very interesting.

Library Events are online for the rest of the semester. For Women's History month we have books displayed online that can be checked out, and in May we have Asian American and Pacific Islander month where we are hoping to have some events to profile AAPI heritage. There will be an announcement at the April Board meeting with more information. Creative Media Studio is offering workshops which may possibly be open to FOL Board members.

Bob mentioned the Old China Archives has published two newsletters, one last summer and one just recently, and can be found on the Library website. Most of the work was done by the Special Collections Archivist Mallory Furnier.

Mark Stover made the announcement that on Monday, March 29th the physical building will reopen to limited capacity for students on the first floor only from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm until April 12th when the hours will be extended from 10:00 am-4:00 pm. It is by reservation only and the reservation page can be accessed through the Library homepage. There will only be 24 students allowed at a time but if there is large demand then we will try to expand the number of students allowed in the building.

Bob asked if Mark will be maintaining a photographic record of the steps the Library goes through as the Library reopens to students and the community at a large. Mark agreed it would be a good idea to do and Mark mentioned Justin had made a video of the Library's preparations of reopening. Mark mentioned there will be some training of staff in regards to monitoring and reminding students of the rules of the Library after Jim mentioned that some people may react negatively to those who try to enforce the rules of masking and social distancing.

Bob has served for two years so he is ready to relinquish and pass the torch to Marcy and elect a new Vice President. Mark suggested Vickie and Joyclyn can send out the relevant sections of the bylaws about nominating members to run for office. Marcy is the current Vice President/President elect but her work is becoming more time consuming so she may be unable to serve as President. Vickie would gladly have someone take over the secretary's position. Mark will be talk with Marcy offline to see if she will be able to serve as President next fiscal year.

Old Business:

The Friends selling books online discussion was tabled for the next meeting due to Marcy not being present. Marcy mentioned in her email to Mark that she recognizes there are many logistical impediments but she has not had time to thoroughly research this.

Closing Remarks

The next FOL meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 16th at 10 a.m. via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.