Randall Library Advisory Board  
November 29, 2021  
Minutes

Attendees
Antje Almeida, Alana Seaman, Will Wilkinson, Dr. Sharyne Miller, Brenda Pate, Liz Carbone, Halie Walker, Dr. Lucy Holman, Laura McBrayer, Nathan Saunders, Stephanie Crowe, Dawn Brown, Christopher Rhodes, Jason Fleming, Angie Edwards

Welcome
Lucy welcomed everyone and introduced Library staff joining the meeting: Christopher Rhodes and Dawn Brown. These individuals are sharing the responsibilities of Nicole Tekulve, Associate Director of User Experience who left in October. In addition, Jason Fleming has taken on some of Laura McBrayer's duties with the changes in her position.

Randall updates

**Retreat @ Randall** - The wellness space that has been created in memory of Anne Pemberton will open during exam week. It’s a place where we hope faculty, staff, and students can unplug, meditate, pray, rest, and take a break from studying; the space has lots of destressing and mindful activities for individuals to enjoy. Here is the link for more information: [https://library.uncw.edu/news/retreat_randall](https://library.uncw.edu/news/retreat_randall)

**Library Expansion & Renovation** – The state budget was approved and with that came the $55 million for Library expansion and renovation. We are incredibly excited in the Library. One of our spring meetings will be an update on this project since we will have new drawings and renderings from the architects.

**Library Dropbox** – The Library is moving forward with creating a drop box at Veterans Hall. We are working with Facilities and Space Planning to vet the location and not encroaching on anyone else’s space. Thank you, Alana, for the suggestion.

**Recharge @ Randall** – During exams we will have our semi-annual study break for students; this year it will be three nights of coffee and snacks that students can grab and go.

**Spring Planning** – We are reviewing changes to our spring planning; Covid, health and safety concerns and building security have presented challenges for the last three semesters. We are hoping to have 24 hours, 5 days Library hours beginning in January.
**Thirsty Tome** – Thirsty Tome was a great event in November with Jason Motte. Since then, Jason was awarded the National Book Award for his latest novel, *Hell Of A Book.*

**Digital Makerspace Virtual Tour** – Alyssa Wharton, Digital Makerspace Coordinator, shared a virtual tour of the Digital Makerspace. The DMS also helps faculty with research and integrating more project-based learning into their curriculum. They are available to create rubrics and presenting various software to students. These services have been available to faculty, staff, and students since 2018 and services continue to increase. For more information on the DMS, here is the link - https://digitalmakerspace.uncw.edu/

**Center for Southeast North Carolina Archives & History** – Nathan gave an overview of the Center. It has been existence for about a year, but in many ways, it is continuing the work they have always done. They are hoping it will be in a more coherent or focused way that better markets to the community who we are, and what we do. The overall goal is to be a central research archive for Southeastern North Carolina focusing on the region’s history, society, and culture; this goal stems from the fact that we are the only academic library in southeast North Carolina. The community the Center serves includes residents of Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, and Sampson counties along with UNCW faculty, staff, and students. The Center includes:

- Nathan Saunders, Director
- Lencia Beltran as Diversity Resident
- Specials Collections - Rebecca Baugnon and Nicole Yatsonsky
- University Archives - Adina Riggins and Nina Herzog
- Government Information – Elisabeth Garner

The Center includes Government Information which includes federal and state documents; UNCW is the only federal depository in the Library’s congressional district. The Library participates in a special program through the Government Publications Office that provides free government publications to libraries; this programs provides the Library access to collections that were not curated by us. The Library is designated as a primary repository for North Carolina state publications; this includes publications of the Executive Branch, publications of the General Assembly, and publications of the judiciary branch.

The University Archives provides a valuable resource for understanding our region. UNCW’s history is intimately connected to the history of our region because so many of the individuals and organizations that were instrumental in found Wilmington College were also community leaders. Archives has been undergoing a major reorganization of the collection.
Special Collections is the most outward facing of the Center. The collection covers a range of topics and strongest in the post-World War II era. The mission is to collect as possible for those who are writing the history of the 20th century, and for those 50 years now, who are writing the history of today. Topics include politics, education, environment, religion, arts, and military.

The Center has several external partnerships; they include the Lower Cape Fear Historical Society, the Southport Historical Society, the Federal Point Historic Preservation Society, the Columbus News Reporter, and the State Port Pilot.

The Center has an internal partnership with the Digital Initiatives Department in Randall Library which means many of the collections are digitized, and through grants and other projects other collections are being digitized.

**New Business**

In the spring, Lucy will provide an update on the Library’s reorganization.

If there are topics, anyone would like to discuss during upcoming meetings, please let Lucy know.

Our next week will be in February, Angie will be in touch soon to get a date.