

**PSL LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 8, 2021**  
**Zoom Meeting**

**In Attendance (Committee Voting Members)**

Wade Redman  
Molly Toon  
Nancy Beck  
Christy Weaver  
Pablo Artigas  
Hongjun Liang

Dr. Wade Redman called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., a quorum was reached for the previous minutes of 12/14/20. The minutes were posted on the Library website.

**Old Business**

**Library Renovations:** Dr. Nollan gave an update on library renovations. The Library Renovation steering committee has been working for several weeks with a Houston architectural firm to draw up plans on what the “library of the future” will encompass. A group physically visited or virtually visited 4 libraries; in Dallas a visit was made to the University of North Texas Library and the library at the UT Dallas campus. Virtual visits with UNLV library and also with the University of Marilyn-Baltimore were made. There have been a number of focus group sessions with different stake holders on campus to include faculty and staff to include as much input as possible as to what should be incorporated into the library renovations. We’re not at the point to share with everyone yet the ideas of the committee at this point. Ideas incorporated at the Preston Smith Library will filter to the 2 branch libraries to accomplish the same architectural aesthetics for all the libraries. In Amarillo due to the process of the building being sold it will be several years before the process begins there.

**Texas Library Coalition:** The Coalition has reached a year milestone since engaging in talks with Elsevier to reduce the costs to access science direct and, also using the opportunity to negotiate some concessions that will be beneficial to faculty. As part of a group of 43 Texas libraries that include some small single campus libraries and several big ones including UT and Texas A&M, we are committed to making this work for the faculty and our libraries. Our negotiations will continue with a goal of a reduction of 30 - 50% of the cost paid to Elsevier.

Some of the negotiations we are working on include either a retention or a reversal of copyrights for the faculty, and limiting the transfer agreement. An example being, if a faculty member has an article accepted for publication in an Elsevier journal, then the next thing that follows is a transfer agreement where the author transfers the rights of their article to the publisher. Our suggestion is that instead of a blanket transfer, that it be for a limited time to the publisher, say 3 – 5 years. After which time ownership would revert back to the author. Another thing we want to address are reasonable open access fees to TTUHSC faculty. Publishing articles as open access in Elsevier requires a fee and there are two kinds of fees: gold open access fee, which once paid, the article is published and made available to the world immediately. Grade or high-grade open access means the article will be published and embargoed for a fixed period of time which could be 12 – 24 months, after which the article is made available for free. Since we are in active negotiations, we do have a non-disclosure “gentlemens” agreement not to disclose exactly all the terms of the negotiations. Currently HSC does not have a contract with Elsevier as it lapsed in December, however, Elsevier has agreed as a condition for continuing negotiations that the faculty will continue to have access to science direct. Also, faculty can still get articles that they need through the interlibrary loan for which there is no charge. In conclusion, Dr Nollan invited members to share the information on what the Coalition is doing and will be available to give a presentation to any group on the purpose and goal of the Coalition.

**Expansion of Library Hours:** All three libraries are now open weekdays, Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 9:00 pm and on Fridays from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm. Opening on weekends will be dependent on hiring additional student assistants.

## **New Business**

Dr Redman gave information about a new application that can be downloaded on your laptop or phone called "Complete Anatomy". It was introduced by Dr. Kerry Gilbert, who is one of the co-directors of the Institution of Anatomical Sciences. Students can access it anywhere and many on this campus and other campuses may benefit from this product. The school of Medicine uses it for their med students and the School of Health Professions uses it for their PTOTPA group. Question came up about the cost of the product. Answer gleamed from an on-line demonstration indicates that the cost to the student is \$30, and the institutional fee is \$99.99 which gives additional curriculum building options. There is another program called Anatomy TV and a question was posed if anyone has used it. The numbers for Anatomy TV in 2019 show it was accessed 3,719 times for a total of 813 hours. A link will be sent to members of this committee for a chance to view it. There's also 3D Medical from Elsevier for 34.99 per student or professional fee of \$99.99 per year. Comment was made as to whether the cost of "Complete Anatomy, would be worth the price and would the faculty incorporate it into their curriculum as part of their anatomy component as the cost would be significant to purchase for all HSC campus. Addressed also whether it would be more appropriate for the Institute of Anatomical Science to incur the cost of the program. A link to sign up for a trial period for Complete Anatomy was sent to the committee members. Members were asked to forward to their faculty especially those in School of Medicine or Health Professions and Nursing to see if anyone would be interested in the product.

A zoom meeting was suggested between Dr. Gilbert, Dr. Redman and Dr. Nollan to discuss the content of the e-mail link to "Complete Anatomy". Dr. Redman will arrange a date for the meeting.

Another demo is coming up on Monday for Autopsy on-line which will also be forwarded to members of the committee. Feedback was requested.

**Discussion: None**

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm

**Next meeting is April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**