

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER  
LIBRARIES OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES

TTUHSC Libraries Meeting (LBK, AMA, ODE, ELP)  
Thursday, December 10, 2020  
10:00 am on [Zoom](#)

**In attendance:**

Richard Nollan (Chair)  
Tara Allison  
Sandy Bagwell  
Barbara Ballew  
Michelle Bowers  
Lisa Beinhoff  
Skyla Bryant  
Margaret Burnett  
Patrick Davis  
Peggy Edwards  
Andrew Escude  
Amy Faltinek  
Paul Landers  
Travis Real  
Stephanie Shippey  
Dan Stuart  
Margaret Vugrin  
Erik Wilkinson  
Terri Wilson  
Kaylee Youngblood

The meeting began at 10 am.

- I. Introduction and Welcome (Richard)
- II. Approval of minutes (Richard)- Approved with correction from Lisa regarding open positions in El Paso. Post after correction
- III. Director (Richard)
  - a. **Lubbock library renovation:** Library renovation going forward. Met earlier this week with Melanie Lackey from University of Nevada Las Vegas library to review some things that they have been doing. Keep coming back to a lot of the same ideas. Possibility we will meet with some other people from other libraries. Plan will hopefully be ready by mid to late January.
  - b. **Newsletter** (Margaret Vugrin)- Newsletter close to being finished
  - c. **Texas Library Coalition-** Have had a frank discussion of what we all want. Jeff Spy is lead negotiator we have hired. It is also very interesting to see how this is unfolding. Our contract ends at the end of this month. We will be working with ILL to make sure we don't lose

access to anything. Elsevier will continue to grant access as long as we continue to negotiate with them.

- d. **Holiday scheduling-** Make sure to get your schedule on the calendar.
- e. **Quarter 4-** Make sure to get your progress reviews done.
- f. **Harrington Library in Amarillo (Terri W.)-** The Wallace building will be sold. We're talking about going from an 11,000 square foot library to approximately 3,000 square feet. There won't be a place to study. We will be weeding a lot. Looking at possible space in the main building. Hoping to know by January or February.

IV. IT (Paul)

- a. **Mac users-** If your computer offers the Big Sur upgrade, please continue to decline it. There have been issues.
- b. **Mobile apps-** We are currently trying to improve the experience for our users installing and using our mobile apps.
- c. **Refworks-** Paul sent out an email to Reference yesterday about RefWorks. You probably remember that ProQuest elected to move away from a locally installed program to begin distributing exclusively from the Microsoft app store. The App Store is currently grayed out in Word. Paul is working with IT, but it is a complex issue. New users to RefWorks cannot get that plug in right now, but they can use RefWorks online. Paul has updated the LibGuide and will keep everyone posted as soon as he has an ETA. There are a couple of different options to get it fixed.

V. Business (Sandy)-

- a. The month was really slow in Business, so it didn't take long to close.
- b. If you have a PCard or touch travel at all, you need to take the new training. It is long. We will be doing weekly reconciliations for the cards.

VI. Committees

- a. **Trends Committee (Dan)-** We met yesterday and discussed the mobile apps Paul mentioned. Looking at a way to get individual apps to patrons easier. Current method not helpful to people's needs. Also discussed potential field trip to Rawls Business School to look at Media Hub, especially the projection set up. Also discovering tools, apps, etc. especially for research intelligence.
- b. **Scholarly Communications Committee (Margaret B.):** reviewed committee plan, no changes with that. A new member, Mary, will be joining us. We have a meeting coming up on Monday.
- c. **Professional Development Committee (Terri)-** now discussing survey results and what we want to put together in terms of policies and procedures. Also discussing if we need to update committee charge. MLA CE passport ends in December.
- d. **Collection Development Committee (Andrew)-** Committee is looking at Collection Development policy and will be editing and revising it.
- e. **Systematic Reviews (Peggy)-** See attachment.
  - o Also: Peggy applied for and was accepted to the TTUHSC Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee. Had first meeting at end of Nov. There were 167 applicants. Erin Justina spearheading the committee. She said there is so much interest that others will be brought in as participating members at some point in the future if they are not in the core group of the committee. There is a federal Executive Order

that came out Sept. 22, Trump's Exec Order on Combating Race and Sex Stereotyping that we all need to be aware of. Peggy is sending out as an attachment for us to review. Directive to discontinue teaching equity and diversity. Divisiveness?

- VII. El Paso (Lisa)- Everyone who was sick or on quarantine is back. Nothing new to report.
- VIII. Discussion
  - a. Committee chairs are being asked to review charges and get back to Dr. Nollan by Monday even if there are no changes.
  - b. Remote work option for open librarian position- At this point, Dr. Nollan is not ready to go that far. He really thinks we need someone who can be here physically.
    - i. Lisa said El Paso's HR will not allow them to make a position completely remote.
    - ii. Experience in Library Communications. Let people know we are looking. Salary will be competitive. Communications/Reference Librarian. Definitely will have MLS. Experience with media/social media and marketing.
  - c. Timesheets for non exempts due on the 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. Timesheets for end of the month need to be approved by the 30<sup>th</sup>. Make sure you get those approved as soon as you can with the holidays.
  - e. CVs due on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Library Faculty Meeting 12-10-2020 - SR/MA Task Force Report

**Members are:** Dr. Nollan, ex officio; Stephanie Shippey, Barbara Ballew, Amy Faltinek, Dan Stuart, Margaret Vugrin, Skyla Bryant, Travis Real, and Peggy Edwards, chair

Dr. Nollan requested the Task Force to review the committee charge he sent out a year ago. The members do not think any changes need to be made to the charge. Members agreed to make it a standing committee.

I have located a number of protocols or guidelines for how to conduct many of the 48 different review types discussed in the article [Meeting the review family: exploring review types and associated information retrieval requirements](#). Once this is complete, I will be able to make recommendations of other review types and the associated guidelines to researchers who may not have enough primary data or the resources to conduct a systematic review.

I helped Brendalyn Iweh, MSIII with searching on her research project that she hopes to publish.

Skyla and I helped Jenna Jurecky, MSII with a research project that she ultimately decided she would not do a SR on.

Skyla Bryant is participating as an observer on a systematic review I have started with 2 Internal Medicine residents and a faculty member.

For our newsletter, I have submitted the first of a series of articles titled *Methods of Knowledge Synthesis - Part I*.

I viewed 2 webinars sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Cochrane Group at the University of Colorado Strauss Health Sciences Library. The first webinar discussed the Cochrane Governing Board. The second webinar was on *The COVID-NMA Project: Living Mapping and Synthesis of Covid-19 Studies*. The group conducting the network meta-analysis has created a database called [covid-nma.com](https://covid-nma.com). Once I have learned more about the database, I will be notifying our pulmonologists and infectious disease faculty about it. This new study methodology ranks above meta-analysis on the EBM hierarchy. I will send the link to the recorded webinar when it becomes available.

Submitted December 10, 2020

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