

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
LIBRARIES OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES

TTUHSC Libraries Meeting (LBK, AMA, ODE, ELP)
Thursday, May 9th, 2024
10:00 AM on [Zoom](#)

In attendance:

Tara Allison-Fielding
Lisa Beinhoff
Skyla Bryant
Patrick Davis
Peggy Edwards
Andrew Escude, Chair
Amy Faltinek
Suzanne Gray
Shannon Harris
Rudy Meixell
Stephanie Shippey
Daniel Stuart
Erik Wilkinson
Kaylee Youngblood

The meeting began at 10:00 AM.

- Introduction and Welcome (Andrew)
- Approval of minutes (Andrew) – Erik motions to approve the minutes from last month. Shannon seconds motion. Minutes are approved.
- Director
 - Executive Director position has been opened and announced. They are in the process of putting together a search committee for it.
 - We are in the middle of budget prep, which is quite a process, especially without a Business Manager.
 - This weekend, the Preston Smith Library will be closing for the electrical shut-off for construction.
 - Andrew had a meeting with Sage yesterday. The package that we recently purchased has been getting some good usage.

- Please get your summer vacation requests in to your supervisor as soon as possible.
- Terri Wilson is retiring at the end of this month. I know we all congratulate her and wish her well. That job will be posted once I get a new position description.
- Erik: Question about spending M&O. When should we have it completed? Andrew said usually mid-August.
- There is not a lot of hope for pay increases this year with the budget.
- MLA Conference starts next week. Dan is the only one going; it is in Portland. SCC in Dallas in October is open for registration. I would not be making plans for travel unless you plan to use personal funds.
- Committees
 - Research & Instruction (Daniel) – Not much to report this week. Seeking out opportunities to engage with faculty. Let me know if you have any ideas.
 - Evidence Synthesis Committee (Peggy) – See attachment.
- El Paso (Lisa) – We have just finished our final data pull from Koha for our final delivery. We are about 2 weeks out from getting our Alma/Primo product up and running. I have finished my budget projection for next year. The vendor increases have gone up a lot. Not sure how we're going to be flat with that kind of increase annually. We will be getting Covidence soon. We did get a 2.5% merit raise this year.
- Discussion
 - Patrick: Don't forget to turn everything off tomorrow when you leave. He will be up here looking at public things shortly after power gets turned back on on Sunday night.
- Questions/Closure

The meeting ended at 10:17 am.

Library Faculty Meeting 05-09-2024 - Evidence Synthesis Committee Report

Evidence Synthesis Committee

Members are: Stephanie Shippey, Amy Faltinek, Suzanne Gray, Shannon Harris, Dan Stuart, and Peggy Edwards, chair

- Reminder that Evidence Synthesis requests from students, residents, fellows, and faculty will be completed by the library and librarians at the requestors campus just as pharmacy questions will be responded to by the Amarillo librarians.

Dan, Suzanne, and I attended ACRL's Webinar Advanced Searching for Systematic Reviews/Meta-Analysis.

Dan, Shannon, Suzanne and I participated in a scoping review team meeting for Dr. Buhavac. The review is on platelet function. A Box folder has been created to help manage this review.

Suzanne and I are continuing work on Dr. Olivas review regarding patient implicit bias toward physicians with identity diversity.

Suzanne had sent an interesting PICO question example that I assembled search strategies in PubMed, Ovid Medline, and Embase for. We met and I discussed my methodologies with her.

I then sent Suzanne a proxy evidence synthesis review request exercise.

Suzanne and I discussed creating a training manual on evidence synthesis for TTUHSC Librarians.

I emailed a *“First Meeting with an Evidence Synthesis Team Agenda Template”* to Suzanne, Shannon, and Dan

I responded, in detail, to a medical student regarding the steps required to conduct a SRMA. I forwarded a copy of my email to Suzanne and Shannon so they could see how and what I include when answering requests for help with SRMA's.

Showed Dan Harvard's LibGuide describing validated filters and listing links to the filters. I also information on validated filters to Suzanne and Shannon.

Peggy is in the process of working on 10 different evidence synthesis requests.

Shannon is a part of the teams for Dr. Buhavac's scoping review and Dr. Weiss's scoping review. I attended an MLA webinar titled “Communicating with Researchers about AI for

Evidence Synthesis” and am reading “Assembling the Pieces of a Systematic Review” by Margaret J. Foster and Sarah T. Jewell.

Suzanne has taken the following webinars:

- 4/29 Extracting data with Covidence

- 4/30 Hedging your Bets: An Introductory Webinar on Locating and Using Search Hedges

- 4/30 Systematic Searching: Improving Effectiveness and Efficiency

- 5/3 ACRL Advanced Searching

- 5/7 Ovid Training

and is participating in the following reviews:

- 5/3 We all met with Dr. Milos Buhavac on his potential scoping review on platelet function

- 5/8 Dan and I met with Farhood on his scoping review, Therapeutic Hypothermia and TBI

Dan is working on approximately different requests.

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Chair, TTUHSC Libraries Evidence Synthesis Committee