

Sciences Council Meeting of December 3, 2020

9:00 - 10:00 AM

Present: Susan Powell (chair), Kristen Greenland, Debbie Jan, Shannon Kealey, Becky Miller, Heiko Muhr, Lisa Ngo, Brian Quigley, Anna Sackmann, Michael Sholinbeck, Elliott Smith, Samantha Teplitzky

Guests: Aisha Hamilton & Leah Humphreys (co-chairs of the Exhibits Committee) & Erica Newcome (works on and is interested in exhibits)

Recorder: Shannon Kealey

Facilitator: Anna Sackmann

Agenda

1. Announcements - All (5 min)

- a. [First 50+ Years of the Campus & City](#) StoryMaps exhibit
- b. Congratulations to Anna on her new role as Data Services Librarian -- her first day will be February 1, 2021.
- c. [Linked Data Presentation by Jane Rosario and Frank Ferko, Tuesday Dec 8](#)

2. Sharing of anti-racism & social justice work (workshops attended, project updates, etc.) - All (10 min)

- a. Heiko/Elliott thinking of investigating science & racism - tentatively, outcomes might include a LibGuide or Spotlight exhibit. Will send invitation to meeting about possible project.
- b. Renaming additional 2 buildings on campus: LeConte & Barrows
- c. Geography dept Town Hall last week - Susan attended - [Berkeley Grad Diversity Program](#) funds to improve equity work - interesting discussions about how to spend the money (programming, not staffing); interesting to know the funding is available to make such changes - something to think about.
- d. Kristen, Susan, and Erica N. - hosting conversations about how the EPS division might frame goals with focus on anti-racism
- e. Michael: Was invited to the Dec. 11 kickoff meeting of the Faculty Development, Curriculum and Pedagogy Project Team - one of 7 project teams of the SPH's Antiracism and Racial Justice Action Program

3. **Function Council, Committee Representative, & SILS reports** (optional) (10 min)
 - a. Reports were heard from SILS Teams and CSC

4. **Library Exhibits Committee -- intro & brainstorming** - Aisha Hamilton & Leah Humphreys (25 min) - Erica Newcome also joining to observe.
 - a. Aisha LCO, SDC, and Exhibits Committee Co-Chair with Leah
 - b. Doc with information about purposes of exhibits, how to propose an exhibit, etc.:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gkL_T9ilrtZ6yistMHWzL6yBInu6cBjh/view
 - c. Q&A: no limit on number of exhibits? Correct. Support for graphics? Yes. Scanning during COVID? Unclear. Anyone can do a spotlight exhibit, hosted on Library Spotlight page; in terms of support, it's negotiated on a project by project basis. Timeline: Exhibits Committee accepts proposals any time and meets every other month. Exhibits can take several months of planning. Interactive features of Spotlight? Buggy; Lisa Weber is point person for Spotlight. General guidelines: What makes a good exhibit? What kinds of materials? Choose items that are visually/aesthetically interesting around a cohesive topic that you are enthusiastic about and will see through. Spotlight was developed at Stanford; more robust in terms of interactivity: <https://exhibits.stanford.edu/dataviz> Idea: start with Spotlight exhibit then when we're back onsite spin into physical exhibit. Aisha shared [list of past exhibits](#) to possibly inspire ideas. LCO has also done stories about Spotlight exhibits; way to promote collections/topics to Library as a whole and campus more broadly. Advice from Brian: It's going to take you longer than you think. Make sure you've planned out enough time for it! Opportunity to work with people you don't usually get a chance to work with.

5. **Around the table** (5 min)

Next scheduled meeting:

Jan 7 first scheduled meeting in New Year; discussed whether to cancel. Decision: keep on calendar - may end up becoming an optional social meeting.