

**Report of
the Administrative Board of the Library (ABL)
to the Faculty Council
April 21, 2023**

Membership of the Administrative Board of the Library (ABL)

| Name | Department (School/College) | Constituency/ Electoral Division | Term Exp |
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| Adel, Shahla | Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (Arts and Sciences) | Social Sciences | 2024 |
| Brodey, Inger | English and Comp Lit (Arts and Sciences) | Humanities and Fine Arts | 2024 |
| Estorino, Maria | | University Librarian | <i>Ex officio</i> |
| Gilliland, Kurt (chair) | Cell Biology and Physiology (Medicine) | At-Large (appointed) | 2024 |
| Henley, Amanda | University Libraries (Libraries) | University Libraries | 2025 |
| Lloyd, Chad | Chemistry (Arts and Sciences) | Graduate Student (appointed) | 2023 |
| Melo, Maggie | Information and Library Science (Information and Library Science) | Information and Library Science (appointed) | 2024 |
| Mihalik, Johna | Exercise and Sport Science (Arts and Sciences) | Natural Sciences and Mathematics | 2023 |
| Persky, Adam | Pharmacotherapy and Experimental Therapeutics (Pharmacy) | Health Affairs (appointed) | 2023 |
| Quinonez, Rocio | Pediatric Dentistry (Dentistry) | Health Affairs (appointed) | 2023 |
| Radding, Cynthia | History (Arts and Sciences) | Social Sciences | 2023 |
| Robinson, Samuel | | Undergraduate Student (appointed) | 2023 |
| Sanders, Kimberly | Practice Advancement (Pharmacy) | At-Large (appointed) | 2024 |
| Stotts, David | Computer Science (Arts and Sciences) | Natural Sciences and Mathematics | 2024 |
| Tanner, Jessica | Romance Studies (Arts and Sciences) | Humanities and Fine Arts | 2023 |

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Overview

The Administrative Board of the Library (ABL) advises the University Librarian on the administration of University Libraries (“the Library”), the general policies governing collections, and budget; advocates for the Library; and makes an annual report to the Faculty Council. The ABL will have met seven times during the 2022-23 academic year and assisted the Library in supporting its core pillars: (1) preservation of the historic record of the state and the University; (2) student success; and (3) supporting the research enterprise. Furthermore, the ABL supported the five strategic initiatives of the Strategic Framework for the Library: (1) data science; (2) sustainable scholarship; (3) philanthropic growth; (4) diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility; and (5) global engagement.

University Librarian

Maria Estorino. In the fall semester, Maria Estorino served as interim University Librarian. A search committee was already in place with contributions from ABL members Adam Persky (Pharmacy) and Kurt Gilliland (Medicine). During the spring semester, Maria Estorino was selected as the permanent University Librarian and immediately began serving in this capacity.

Discussions in 2022-23

September 27, 2022. The ABL welcomed new members, received a state of the Library update from interim University Librarian Maria Estorino, and reviewed its charge from the Faculty Council.

October 25, 2022. The ABL discussed ways of advocating and decided to initiate an email campaign through which ABL members would thank all 37 Library liaisons for their expertise and effort in partnering with faculty on various projects. This effort was completed within the week following the meeting.

December 6, 2022. Estorino presented the goals and priorities of the Library for the FY24 budget. The new funding requests focused on supporting new initiatives and federal research funding requirements for public access publishing and data sharing. The Library is allocating its existing resources to improving salaries as part of its professional and workforce excellence roadmap; to bolstering facilities needs (e.g., Wilson Library infrastructure project); and to preparing for a migration of the online catalog. The Library is exploring its offsite service model with the goal of opening stacks spaces for new collaborations and uses. The Library is also exploring how to scale its data services and collections considering the new School of Data Science and Society and new major in the College. The budget also included a request for expanding financial support for open access publishing support that the Library currently allocates from its collections budget. Due to the collections cuts that the Library made in response to the budget cuts imposed in FY21 and FY22, the Library lost discounts and some of its bargaining power. Such budgetary constraints require the Library to move from a *just-in-case model* to an *on-demand model* of collecting.

February 28, 2023. The ABL met in Wilson Library, its first in-person meeting in 3 years. Members learned about upcoming renovations to the building’s infrastructure. While the result of these renovations will not be noticeable to users, they are critical for the building’s structure and future use.

March 21, 2023. The ABL met in Kenan Science Library to learn about the seed library, Makerspace and 3D design, data services, systematic reviews and evidence synthesis, research impact measurement and visualization, open access, and artificial intelligence.

April 18, 2023. The ABL met in Health Sciences Library and discussed the Library with the Provost.

May 16, 2023. The ABL will meet in the Art Library.

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