The Faculty Library Board (FLB) welcomed five new members in 2016: Jeremy Braddock (Arts & Sciences), Patricia Cassano (Human Ecology), Alice Colby-Hall (Arts & Sciences), Lee Humphreys (CALS), and Karim-Ali Kassam (CALS). Continuing on the board this year were: Rosemary Avery (Human Ecology), Charles Brittain (Arts & Sciences), Michael Fontaine (Arts & Sciences; on sabbatical in spring 2017), Paul Fleming (Arts & Sciences), Andrew Hicks (Arts & Sciences), Ellis Loew (Biomedical Sciences), Benjamin Piekut (Arts & Sciences), Ke “Max” Zhang (Engineering), and the board chair, Barbara Lust (Human Ecology). The graduate and undergraduate seats remained vacant. The Library was represented by University Librarian Anne Kenney; Kizer Walker, the Library’s Director of Collections assisted with planning and coordination and participated in the meetings.

The Board convened five times in 2016-17, with meetings in September, October, December, February, and March (attached agendas in Appendix B). Front and center on the FLB agenda for the academic year was the search process for a new Cornell University Librarian. In summer 2016, Anne Kenney announced that she would step down as University Librarian in April 2017 and formally retire in October 2017. The search process to identify her successor was already underway at the Board’s first meeting of the academic year. Two FLB members, Barbara Lust and Jeremy Braddock, also served on the University Librarian search committee.

Nearly every FLB meeting of the year included opportunities for Board members to give focused attention to the needs and values of the University in a new University Librarian and to provide input on the search. Anne Kenney recused herself from these discussions whenever appropriate. The Dean of the Faculty attended FLB meetings for some of these discussions. At the September meeting, FLB met with the members of the Library Executive Group, which advises the University Librarian on policy and administers the Library system, for the perspective of CUL’s top administrators on the Library’s needs in a new University Librarian. FLB members contributed to the emerging UL job description. In October, representatives of the firm Isaacson Miller, who were retained to assist in the University Librarian search, joined the FLB meeting via video conference call; they discussed the search process. For the February meeting, the FLB chair solicited comments from Faculty Library Board members on special opportunities and challenges foreseen for the incoming University Librarian and suggestions for questions to be addressed during candidate interviews. That meeting also included a high-level overview by Anne Kenney of Library initiatives that she has championed as University Librarian and that she feels deserve continued support beyond her tenure (partial list is appended below as Appendix A). The March FLB meeting took place on the heels of the campus visits of the three University Librarian candidates. FLB members members attended candidates’ presentations, joined individual meetings and dinners with the three candidates. At its meeting, they shared insights and discussed the candidate interviews. Each wrote written reactions and recommendations; these were collected and coordinated and a joint unanimous recommendation was submitted from the Board to the search committee and to the provost.

In addition to the activity surrounding the University Librarian search, the FLB advised on a number of ongoing CUL initiatives. In October, representatives of the Library Assessment and Communication department presented the results of the spring 2016 library survey of Cornell graduate students for discussion; in February, there was a follow-up discussion on plans for a library survey of undergraduates. In December, the FLB heard an update on the Library’s engagement with ORCID, an international effort to match scientific and scholarly publications to their authors by means of a registry of unique researcher identifiers. CUL’s Scholarly Communications Librarian is coordinating a pilot implementation at Cornell and reported to the Board on its progress.
Also at the December meeting, Anne Kenney led a timely discussion about the Library’s role in promoting and protecting an environment for diversity on campus. This followed on a brainstorming session that Anne had hosted with Library staff. Based on the FLB input and Library discussion, Anne formulated seven areas for Library engagement in this arena:

1. Build, maintain, and publicize credible sources of information
2. Develop and promote the means for critically assessing information sources
3. Highlight the Library’s role in protecting privacy
4. Work at the national/international level to safeguard intellectual freedom
5. Highlight and celebrate diversity on campus
6. Provide staff training to support diversity, respect, and safety
7. Promote the Library as a safe place

Related to Anne’s point #3 above, the March FLB meeting featured a discussion of Library patron data and digital privacy with Eliza Bettinger, CUL’s Digital Humanities Librarian, who is leading a series of Digital Privacy workshops on campus, hosted by CUL. Here is a list of privacy-related resources that Eliza has gathered for workshop participants: http://digitalhumanities.library.cornell.edu/privacy-resources.

Eliza Bettinger also directs the Digital CoLab, the Library’s new facility for digital humanities research, learning, and teaching, located in 701 Olin Library. She provided Board members with a tour of the facility, which supports a range of new and emerging digital tools and techniques for computational text analysis, mapping, digital exhibits, data visualization, interactive publishing, etc.

The March meeting was the Board’s farewell to Anne Kenney, who stepped down as University Librarian in April. A meeting of the FLB scheduled for May was cancelled; meetings will resume in the fall with the new University Librarian, Gerald Beasley.
Appendix A
Cornell University Library - selected major initiatives

Inter-institutional collaboration:

- **2CUL**
  Cornell and Columbia University Libraries’ ongoing partnership includes coordinated collection building in key disciplines to broaden collective coverage.

- **Ivy Plus**
  The Ivy Plus Libraries are Brown, Chicago, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Duke, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, MIT, Princeton, University of Pennsylvania, Stanford, and Yale. Borrow Direct, the resource sharing network, was the Ivy Plus Libraries’ first cooperative initiative and its success established the foundation for collective collections and other cooperative efforts.

- **HathiTrust**
  HathiTrust is a partnership of academic and research institutions, offering a collection of millions of titles digitized from libraries around the world. See: https://www.hathitrust.org/

Scholarly communications:

- **arXiv**
  The world’s premier e-print repository in physics, math, computer science and related disciplines enabling scientists worldwide to share and access research before it is formally published. Cornell University Library has provided operational support and stewardship for this open-access service since 2001. See: https://arxiv.org/

- **Project Euclid**
  Project Euclid is an online publishing service in the fields of theoretical and applied mathematics and statistics, designed to address the needs of low-cost independent and society journals. Project Euclid was developed by CUL and is jointly managed by CUL and the Duke University Press. See: http://projecteuclid.org/about

- **Signale: Modern German Letters, Cultures, and Thought**
  Signale is a print and electronic book series for new English-language scholarship in the field of German Studies. Signale books are co-published by CUL and Cornell University Press in partnership with the College of Arts and Sciences. Books shift to open access four years after publication. See: https://signale.cornell.edu/

- **CUL-CUP collaboration**
  In addition to the Signale partnership, CUL and CU Press are building a close working relationship around other shared initiatives, such as the recent grant through the Humanities Open Book Program, jointly sponsored by the NEH and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation: http://www.news.cornell.edu/stories/2015/12/neh-grant-cu-press-will-produce-classic-e-books

Data curation

- **Research Data Management Service Group**
  A number of research funders are now requiring researchers to provide explicit data management plans that include provisions for providing access to research data beyond the term of the research project and grant. Currently, the University Librarian and the Vice-Provost for Research co-sponsor the Research Data Management Service Group (RDMSG), which provides consulting and other services to the Cornell community. Library staff, who in many cases have previous field or laboratory research experience, work together with staff from the Center for
Advanced Computing (CAC) and the Cornell Institute for Social and Economic Research (CISER) to advise researchers on appropriate repositories, metadata strategies, and discipline-specific data management strategies. The Library also provides course support and training for graduate students in appropriate practices for research data management and curation. As we look forward, we see a growing need for discipline-specific training, metadata services, and local repository solutions for a wide range of data types and formats. See: https://data.research.cornell.edu/

Appendix B

Cornell Faculty Library Board Meeting Agendas
2016/17

Faculty Library Board
Wednesday, September 21, 2016, 1:30 – 2:30 pm
703 Olin Library

The FLB welcomes new members Jeremy Braddock (English), Patricia Cassano (Nutritional Sciences), Alice Colby-Hall (Romance Studies) Lee Humphreys (Communication), and Karim-Ali Kassam (Natural Resources). Charlie Van Loan, Dean of the Faculty, will also attend the meeting.

1. Briefing on search process for the next University Librarian (15 minutes)
Anne Kenney has announced that she will step down as University Librarian in April 2017 and formally retire in October 2017; a search process to identify her successor is in its beginning stages (see: http://theuniversityfaculty.cornell.edu/news/university-librarian-search/). Anne will give her view of where things stand with the search and offer her insights on what to look for in a new University Librarian. After this opening, she will leave the meeting to allow Faculty Board members to discuss the search with the members of the Library Executive Group

2. Discussion of University Librarian search with the Library Executive Group (40 minutes)
The Library Executive Group advises the University Librarian on policy and administers the Library system; the members head CUL’s central departments. We will be joined by:
• Ezra Delaney, Associate University Librarian for Administrative Services
• Dean Krafft, Chief Technology Strategist and Director of Information Technology
• Xin Li, Associate University Librarian for Discovery, Assessment, and International Engagement
• Oya Rieger, Associate University Librarian for Scholarly Resources and Preservation Services
• Kornelia Tancheva, Associate University Librarian for Research and Learning Services

3. News and announcements (5 minutes)

Faculty Library Board
Wednesday, October 26, 2016 | 1:30 – 2:30 pm
235 Olin Library

1. Grad student survey on Library services (30 minutes)
Vandana Shah, Gaby Castro Gessner, and Zsuzsa Koltay (Library Assessment and Communication) will present and discuss results from the spring 2016 library survey of Cornell graduate students.

2. Discussion of University Librarian search (30 minutes)
Cornell has retained the firm Isaacson, Miller to assist in the search for the new University Librarian. Representatives of Isaacson, Miller will join the meeting via video conference call to discuss the search process. (On the University Librarian search, see: http://theuniversityfaculty.cornell.edu/news/university-librarian-search/)

Faculty Library Board
Wednesday, December 7, 2016 | 1:30 – 2:30 pm
235 Olin Library

1. Announcements (5 minutes)

2. Library’s role in promoting and protecting an environment for diversity on campus (25 minutes)
Anne Kenney recently hosted a brainstorming session with Library staff. We will discuss ideas brought forward in that context and seek further thoughts from the Faculty Board.

3. ORCID update (30 minutes)
Early in 2016, the Faculty Board heard a presentation on the Library’s engagement with ORCID, an international effort to match scientific and scholarly publications to their authors by means of a registry of unique researcher identifiers. Gail Steinhart (Scholarly Communications Librarian) is coordinating a pilot implementation at Cornell and will report on progress.

Faculty Library Board
Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 1:30 – 2:30 pm
235 Olin Library

Agenda:

1. Upcoming undergraduate library user survey (20 minutes)
Zsuzsa Koltay (CUL Assessment and Communication) seeks Faculty Library Board members’ input for a planned survey of Cornell undergraduates. The 2017 survey of undergraduate library use follows a survey of graduate students in 2016 and a faculty survey in 2015.

2. Maintaining support for major CUL initiatives (15 minutes)
Anne Kenney will give a high-level overview of Library initiatives that she has championed as University Librarian and feels deserve continued support (see a partial list below).

3. Input on University Librarian search (20 minutes)
Barbara Lust solicited comments from Faculty Library Board members on special opportunities and challenges foreseen for the incoming University Librarian and suggestions for questions to be addressed during UL candidate interviews. The Board will discuss.

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Faculty Library Board
Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 1:30 - 2:30 pm
Olin Library 703 (Note LOCATION CHANGE)

Agenda:

1. University Librarian search (20 minutes)
The three finalist candidates to be Cornell’s next University Librarian will be on campus through the week of March 27. The search committee seeks input on the candidates from Faculty Library Board members. For CVs, a schedule of public presentations, and other details, see: http://provost.cornell.edu/searches/university-librarian/. Presentations will be livestreamed and also recorded and maintained on the website through April 3.

2. Patron data and digital privacy (25 minutes)
Eliza Bettinger (Digital Humanities Librarian) will attend for a discussion of issues surrounding library patron privacy in the online environment. Eliza is leading a series of Digital Privacy workshops on campus, hosted by CUL. Here is a list of privacy-related resources that Eliza has gathered for workshop participants: http://digitalhumanities.library.cornell.edu/privacy-resources.

3. Tour of Digital CoLab in Olin 701 (15 minutes)
The CoLab is the Library’s new facility for digital humanities research, learning, and teaching, supporting a range of new and emerging digital tools and techniques for computational text analysis, mapping, digital exhibits, data visualization, interactive publishing, etc.

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