

- Pinisetty asked about whether campuses have this structure. Luce and Janssen have done some research on this. The CSU campuses are split on this point - some have Chairs and some do not. From their review, newer campuses typically have a Chair, older ones usually do not. In Luce's and Janssen's view, this is due to librarians historically not being viewed as full faculty by administration.
- There was some discussion of how to address questions of the department size (quite small) and the need for a functional Chair in various policies (sabbatical process, etc, etc.).
- Isakson indicated her support and said she could ask ASCSU folks for information on how this proceeded on campuses.
- Tsai: should we be discussing this openly? Has it been discussed with Michele Van Hoeck (Library Dean) Answer: No, they wanted to establish that there was faculty support first.
- Fairbanks asked whether the proposal would be for less WTU buy-out for the Chair due to the small department size at this time? Following on this, McNie thought that building faculty support might be helped by this adjustment given the large differences in say, the MT Chair workload and a Library Chair workload in scheduling, etc.

- So, how do we proceed? Tsai and McNie came back to the resolution idea. Do we want to push the resolution to the fall given that we're a week out from the last General Senate meeting of the academic year? Do we [Senate Exec] want to discuss this with the Library Dean?
- McNie suggested that Luce and Janssen communicate to the Dean that the Senate Exec supports the proposal. If there's pushback, then perhaps we accelerate the resolution. If it's well received, then perhaps we can proceed in a more relaxed fashion. General agreement that the Dean should be informed and included in the conversation.
- *Senate Exec unanimously supports exploring the establishment of a Library Department Chair and the development of a resolution.*

Open Floor

- The next Senate Executive meeting conflicts with the University budget priorities meeting. There was agreement to cancel the Tuesday meeting and attempt to re-schedule.

Meeting Adjourned