



MEETING MINUTES FEB. 1, 2024

3:30 – 4:30 p.m., via Zoom

Meeting called to order: 3:30 p.m.

In attendance: Jim Collier, Paul Davis, Alexander Day, Laurel Harrison, Blisin Hestiyas, John Hughes, Beth Humphrey, Gay Lutz, Suzanne Malek, Deysi Montes, Viola Pellissier (Guest Chair), Rebecca Porter, Nishant Rangamani, John Reid, Laure’L Santos, Kristin Temme

Absent: Bob Fletcher, Emily King, Fred Lokken (Chair), Dustin Moore, Jared Sorensen

Guests: Amber Anaya

Approve the November 2, 2023 Minutes

Sue Malek moved and Beth Humphrey seconded to approve the November 2, 2024 Learning Commons Committee Minutes. The committee approved the minutes.

Chair’s Report

Fred was attending a conference that conflicted with today’s meeting. Viola Pellissier was our guest chair.

Library Director/Staff Report

Viola reported the Learning Commons will host an After Dark event for the Spring Semester.

John Hughes reported recent news from the Learning Commons. The Learning Commons Newsletter was recently sent out. Grants have been received to purchase a scanner and a large format printer. A sustainability grant was also received. The library will be purchasing books for minority genealogy research. A TLC Coordinator and a Distance Education Specialist have been hired. There are open positions for a Reference Librarian and an AA II. John also reported 330 students attended the Fall After Dark event. Surveys will be sent to instructors and students soon.

Events

A panel discussion will be held 1-2 p.m. on February 14 in LIB 106.

Divisiveness in American History and Politics: A panel discussion

Moderator: Dr. John Reid

Panelists: Joe Domitrovich, Scott Parker, and Fred Lokken

Additional programming ideas for Spring 2024

Paul suggested a political discussion on events just prior to the Civil War.

It was mentioned April has a lot of campus events: Pi Day, Earth Day, and Library Month.

The committee discussed a 250 Celebration event to commemorate the founding of America. John Reid and John Hughes will work on an event to be held closer to the celebration date of July 4, 2026.

New Business

None

Meeting adjourned: 4:01 p.m. John Hughes motioned and Nishant Rangamani seconded to adjourn the meeting. The committee approved the motion.

Next Meeting: March 7, 2024