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# MEETING MINUTES FOR FEB. 9, 2017

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

**In attendance:** Corina Weidinger, Kellie Carter, Jonathan Lam, Casey Machen, Karen Ozbek, Joshua Shinn, Neil Siegel, Beth Baines, Mai McMurray, Lars Jensen

**Guests:** Sue Malek, Pamela Thomas

**Absent:** Sharon Lowe (excused), Wade Hampton

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## Approval of the Minutes

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Josh Shinn moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Kellie Carter seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

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## Getting Published Panel

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This panel will take place on Thursday, February 23 from 2–4 p.m. in Sierra 108. Confirmed speakers (mostly invited by Neil) are Mark Maynard, Jeff Auer, Thomas Cardoza, Remy Velardez, Zarah Sevon, and Christine Kelly (owner of Sundance Bookstore). The moderator is Josh Shinn. Speakers will give 15-minute presentations and have 5 minutes for questions. Corina submitted the event to Events Calendar, contacted Facilities and Audiovisual, and sent email to All Discussions. Neil found and liaised with the speakers and sent event to Marketing. Josh designed the poster. Posters were distributed at the meetings so members could post them around campus.

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## Opioid Epidemic Panel

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This panel will take place on Thursday, March 16 from 2–4 p.m. in Sierra 108. Neil invited seven speakers. David Misner, TMCC student, and Melania Flores, Washoe County Health District, are confirmed already. Unconfirmed guests are: Dr. John Packham, Director of Health Policy Research at UNR, Dr. Karla Wagner, Professor at the School of Community Health at UNR, John Firestone, Assistant Director of Life Change Center in Sparks, Mary Lighter, Sheriffs Office Community Relations, and Dr. Jennifer Snyder, Director of Join Together. Once speakers are confirmed, Corina will contact Audiovisual, Facilities, Events Calendar, and Marketing. Josh is designing the poster.

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## Poetry Reading

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This panel will take place on April 20, 2–4 p.m., on the Library patio. Corina invited Arian Katsimbras, who teaches Writing Poetry at 2–3:15 that day to bring the class over. Arian confirmed the participation of his class. Neil will invite Lindsay Wilson. Tom will update the poster from last year. Corina will contact Audiovisual, Facilities, Events Calendar, and Marketing. Neil suggested having the event in honor of Hank Sosnowski.

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## Elections of New Chair

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Corina Weidinger's term is up this May, and she will step down. The Committee held elections for a new chair, and unanimously elected Josh Shinn.

## Updates from the Library

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Sue Malek will try to get faculty interested in assigning students research in genealogy, as it combines various areas of research, and may be an ideal way to get students engaged. Encouraged by faculty and staff interest during the Professional Days, she will organize another genealogy event this semester.

In the Fall of 2016, 4,590 books have been permanently removed from the library. Librarians were tasked with weeding these out to make space for the Learning Commons area downstairs. In addition, according to recent news, a private company is being hired to carry out more weeding of books in the upstairs part of the library. Currently we have no information as to name of the company or the criteria that will be used to decide which books and how many books to remove. The purpose of the new space to be opened up after the removal of library books is also unknown. The Library committee wishes to express its concern over the weakening of the TMCC Library book collection and wishes to inform faculty of these changes. Committee members feel that digital book collections are not a viable replacement for printed library books.

**Future Meetings:** 3/2/17, 4/6/17

**Meeting adjourned:** 4:25 p.m.