

LISC Report for SEC and Senate Meeting on 12/8/21

LISC met on December 8th, 2021. We approved minutes from the November 16th meeting and received updates from the Dean of Libraries, CIO, ITLAL, and Lindsay Van Berkom, LISC Chair.

Report from the Chair (Lindsay Van Berkom)

- Introduction of new council members
- Discussion of spring semester meeting schedule, will send out a Doodle poll with dates for council to fill out

Report from the Libraries (Rebecca Mugridge)

- **Staffing.** The Libraries have been given permission to hire a Head of Reference and Research Services, which has been vacant since March, and a Head of Information Literacy, which will become vacant mid-January. We will be conducting an internal search and hope to have people in these two positions by early March.
- **Intersession plans.** During the University's energy savings initiative (December 18-January 14), the Dewey and Science libraries will be closed; however, the University Library will be open Monday-Friday, 9-6, and available as an alternative workspace for any University faculty or staff. Monday, January 17 is a holiday, so we return to normal hours on Tuesday, January 18, in all three libraries. Hours can be found at: <https://library.albany.edu/hours>. Just a reminder that we participate in a cooperative program so 24/7 reference and research will be available throughout this period. We will also pull requested materials from any of the libraries throughout this period.

Lindsay adds that Dewey and Science will be closed to patrons, but materials will remain available for lending.

Report from ITS (Brian Heaton)

- The [Video Captioning service](#) is in business.
- Winter Blackboard courses have been created; the roster sync has been automated.
- Spring Blackboard courses have been created; initial roster sync is in progress.
- Deletion of aging Blackboard courses through summer 2019 will commence January 8.
- Blackboard team is working with University Libraries on testing the upgraded electronic reserves system (Ares) integration to Blackboard. That's expected to go into production in January.
- ITS would prefer that Information Commons computers remain plugged in, powered up, and on the network during winter session to enable us to install/patch/upgrade applications, when needed.
- Ensemble, a video storage service provided to UAlbany by SUNY ITEC, may transition to a new product, Panopto. Details will follow as SUNY ITEC shares more information.

Brian also answered questions on when a new Windows build will run (after further testing)

Report from ITLAL (Aviva Bower)

- ITLAL continues to plan for the winter and spring offerings to faculty, instructional staff, and graduate students.

- If you work with graduate students, you may want to share information about ITLAL's spring course for graduate students in a terminal degree program:

Preparing for the Professoriate

New faculty often find themselves struggling as they get started in their career. They may not have understood what the faculty role really required, or they expected their new institution to be like the research school where they received their graduate training (and so were unprepared for a different setting). This doesn't have to happen to you. We'll let you in on secrets about how to be a quick starter in academe—secrets that will not only make you more effective on the job market, but will set you on the path to tenure! In this course, you will examine the different kinds of faculty careers open to you, prepare for the academic job market, and put together a plan to hit the ground running as a new assistant professor ready to balance the research, teaching, and service required to start your trajectory toward a satisfying career. This course is taught in conjunction with the Institute for Teaching, Learning and Academic Leadership.

Class meetings: Wednesdays, 1:10 -3:10 pm on 2/16, 2/23, 3/9, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, 4/20, 4/27

Course Numbers: ACAS 602 (4979) / RPAD 591 (5292) / RPOS 612 (5291)

Contact Aviva Bower at adbower@albany.edu for more information about the course or to request a permission number.