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## Meeting Minutes, January 2019

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## I. Welcome and Introductions

1. Called to order by Sarah Frances Hardy at 2:06PM
2. DJ and Janet Canali have rotated off the board
3. Possible names for future board members solicited, preferably from downstate
  1. Nomination process is unofficial
  2. Perhaps people from Starkville that are involved with the Tennessee Williams festival

## II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

1. Approved unanimously

## III. Treasurer's Report (Tonya Flesher)

1. Endowment is approx. \$1,107,045.37, a slight increase from May
2. 264 active donors, up from 132 in 2016 but down from 269 in 2018
3. \$2531 in Memorial Fund with donations of \$2183
4. Program fund has \$1859.78, same as May
5. \$56,289 in university-held fund for mailings, etc.

## IV. Foundation Report (Susan Boyette)

1. Susan is our substitute development officer (DO), senior director of planned giving
2. 'New person' began yesterday; Byron Liles is his name, from UT Austin and former Ducks Unlimited person
3. Every unit has a full-time or shared DO, Byron will be wearing the hats of 'library development officer' and 'head of planned giving' (Senior Director of Planned Giving); will hire a sub-DO to help with 'planned giving' nationwide
4. 'Explosive growth' in University Development in 'last 18 months' with 11 new hires since July with a focus on external recruiting
5. Library is currently a 'round up' option for other academic donors via phone solicitations

## V. Discussion of Upcoming Book Conference Events (March 27-29) (Sarah Frances Hardy)

1. Friends of the Museum is hosting a symposium earlier that week, with speakers including Natasha Tretheway, Bill Dunlap, John Grisham, and other luminaries
  1. Symposium is for a painting by Dunlap commemorating 'southern landscapes in writing'
2. Welcome lunch (March 27) for OCB will be sponsored by FOL with speaker, author Travis McDade
3. Author party (March 27) will be cosponsored by FOL with \$1500 from university development account; 6:30PM
  1. Will feature some remarks by Ralph Eubanks
  2. Will be at Memory House rather than Isom House due to parking concerns
  3. Is 'helpful' for board members to buy tickets (\$40) to assist with funding

4. FOL lunch and author party are only two current public events for the FOL board; attendance by board members is encouraged

## VI. Report from Dean (Cecelia Botero)

1. 'Most exciting' news is 2018 Federal Depository Library of the Year, a great national honor for our docs librarian Ashley Dees
2. Merger with Law Library and update of library catalog is complete
3. Library celebrated Open Access week for the first time
  1. Library is funding small but powerful open access fund to help authors pay platform fees (which can range from \$6-1.5k)
  2. Open access means copyright-free access to materials
4. Library has officially joined ACRL Diversity Alliance
  1. Has created a visiting librarian position to help with diversity initiatives
5. 1.16 million people came through the doors in 2018, up from 700,000 when Dean Botero arrived
6. University's ownership of old hospital has led to plans for a library reading room there
  1. Not expected to require personnel, but will have material delivery available
  2. If demand is strong, could lead to a manned position
7. Materials cuts were done and shared with Faculty Senate; details are available on the website
8. FOL funds have been used for some one-time purchases:
  1. Washington Post backfile
  2. NAACP Papers
  3. American Periodical Series
  4. HathiTrust
  5. Book purchasing (approx. 666 books)
9. Science library renovations with additional seating and study areas
10. Ainstworth Room has been refurnished with smaller tables
11. Demo for eGrove
  1. Michelle Emanuel, head of library unit for institutional repository, demonstrates
  2. Institutional repository (IR) archives items for easy retrieval
    1. [egrove.olemiss.edu](http://egrove.olemiss.edu)
  3. Is currently at 'built but unfurnished' stage of construction
  4. This is happening at the same time as we are migrating old data (mostly archives digital collections) to eGrove
  5. Structure of school, colleges, and centers are being filled in as items are submitted
  6. The focus of collection is 'things that cannot be readily found elsewhere'
  7. Can host information from conferences and events
    1. Schedule, speaker bios, etc.
  8. Allows embedding of YouTube files to keep easy access to these
  9. Theses and dissertations are also accessible, allowing people to read them without going through a paid option like ProQuest
    1. Reached out to alumni asking for their consent
    2. Some articles are embargoed
    3. Includes Honors College student projects

10. Other examples:

1. Journalism school in-depth reporting via ISSU
  2. Music school recital programs
  3. Southern Register, Southern Foodways
  4. Pharmacy photos
  5. Accountancy collection (migrated from ContentDM)
  6. University-hosted journals
  7. Blues posters
  8. Yearbooks thru 2013
11. Student Media (EG Daily Mississippian) still has copyright issues to be worked out
12. Perhaps some things from FOL as well!
13. There is no limit to uploads at this time

VII. Upcoming Brown Bag Lectures (Alex Watson)

1. Thursday, January 24th at noon. Faulkner Room. Dr. Gloria Burgess will be speaking about her book *Pass It On!* in a talk entitled, "Legacy: Painting on the Canvas of Eternity." Her children's book is about the friendship between William Faulkner and her father.
2. Thursday, February 21st at noon. Faulkner Room. Internationally known artist Glennray Tutor will be speaking about his artwork and his new book *Portals*.
3. Monday, February 25th at noon. Faulkner Room. The family of the late Marjorie Baroni family will be speaking about their mother's work during Freedom Summer and the Civil Rights Movement in a talk entitled, "Reflections from the Family of a Mississippi Civil Rights Activist 1950-1982."
4. Thursday, March 7th at noon. Faulkner Room. Author and poet, Meredith Coleman McGee, will be speaking about her publishing and the life and work of her uncle, James H. Meredith.
5. Wednesday, March 27th Time to be Determined. Part of the Oxford Conference for the Book (registration for lunch normally requested by UM Outreach). Travis McDade (curator of law rare books at the University of Illinois College of Law) will be speaking about his books *Disappearing Ink: The Insider, the FBI, and the Looting of the Kenyon College Library*; *Thieves of Book Row: New York's Most Notorious Rare Book Ring and the Man Who Stopped It*; and *The Book Thief: The True Crimes of Daniel Spiegelman*

VIII. New Potential Members

1. As always, be on the lookout for new members and direct them to the website to join
2. Byron Liles will be consulted about recruitment relatively soon

IX. New Business

1. None

X. Adjourned by Sarah Frances Hardy at 3:23PM