

Meeting Minutes

Committee: University Library Committee

Date: March 20, 2026

Location: Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Present:

Jennifer Marie Duis (Chair),
Cynthia Childrey (Dean and University Librarian)
Haylee McElroy (Dept. of Dental Hygiene)
Janice Sweeter (Strategic Communication)
Louis Cirelli (Construction Management)
Pamela E. Stetina (College of Nursing),
Yichuan Wang (Frankie College of Business)

Guests:

Kristina Rosenow (Cline Library's Executive Assistant)
Mowana Lomaomvaya (Assistant Archivist Cline Library)
John Joseph Doherty (Cline Library's Associate Dean)
Jill MK Friedmann (Cline Library Assistant Dean)

1. Call to Order & Opening Business 3PM

- **Quorum & Recording:** Chair Jennifer Duis established a quorum and confirmed that Kristina Rosenow was recording the session.
- **Late Attachments:** The Chair apologized for the late distribution of meeting attachments, noting they would be reviewed as needed throughout the session.
- **Icebreaker:** To open the meeting, attendees participated in an introduction sharing Spring Break updates.

2. Approval of Minutes 3:08PM

Louis Cirelli moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.
Janice Sweeter seconded the motion.
The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Presentations

A. Guest Presentation: Indigenous Knowledges Digital Learning Library (IKDLL) 3:09PM

- **Presenter:** Mowana Lee Lomaomvaya

- **Platform Overview:** Mowana introduced the IKDLL (ikdll.nau.edu), an open-educational resource (OER) designed to share indigenous perspectives across diverse fields such as federal Indian law, ecology, biology, and poetry.
- **Contribution & Criteria:**
 - Content must be free of culturally sensitive knowledge and focused on North American geography.
 - Submissions require a Creative Commons license.
 - Faculty and creators are encouraged to submit materials by emailing IKDLL@nau.edu to receive a submission form.
- **Usage:** All materials are Open Access and available for immediate classroom use without further permissions beyond the existing licenses.

B. Project Update: Cline Library Renovation & Infrastructure 3:43PM

- **Presenters:** Jill MK Friedmann and Cynthia A. Childrey
- **Driver for Change:** The project is necessitated by the new College of Nursing building, which requires the demolition of the Peterson building and the Babbitt Academic Annex.
- **Library Impact:**
 - By May 2027, a unit from the College of Arts and Letters (CAL) will relocate from Babbitt into Cline Library.
 - HVAC & Safety: Roughly 50% of the project budget is dedicated to addressing 15+ years of HVAC issues and bringing the building up to code regarding fire life safety and elevator capacity.
 - Timeline: Design begins in late April 2024, with construction slated to start in December 2024. Work on infrastructure is expected to continue through 2027 and potentially into 2028.
- **Stakeholder Input:** Committee members were identified as a key stakeholder group; further input opportunities will be shared via email and during the Fall session.

C. Update: Affordable Learning Materials & OER Awards 3:51PM

- **Presenter:** John Joseph Doherty
- **Incentive Program:** John announced four available awards of \$7,500 each for faculty to develop OER for courses in 2026/2027. The application deadline is April 15.
- **ROI Highlights:** Over three years, the university's \$250,000 investment in OER has generated approximately \$2.5 million in student savings, achieving the targeted 1:10 return on investment.

- **Quality & Standards:** A discussion ensued regarding the quality of OER. Pamela Stetina noted that OER materials (such as a nursing research book she edited) undergo the same rigorous vetting as commercial textbooks.

4. Events & Exhibits 4:03PM

- **Current Exhibits:**
 - **David Muench Photography: The Allure of Light.** Landscape photography exhibit featuring the Arizona Highways photographer, running through August.
 - **Echoes of the Open Road: 100 Years of Route 66 in Arizona:** it is open on the first floor. Cynthia noted that Cline Library is the official Route 66 research repository for Arizona.
- **Collection Changes:** The NAU Authors collection has been streamlined and moved to a prominent location outside the Teaching and Learning Center.

Next Meeting

- **Date:** November 6
- **Time:** 3:00 PM.

7. Adjournment 4:08PM

Motion: Louis Cirelli moved to adjourn.

Closing: Chair Duis thanked the members.