# Minutes December 7, 2021

**Present:** Spencer Keralis (chair), Tracy Popp, Victor Jones, Susan Breakenridge, Qiang Jin, Cindy Ingold, Mikael Fox, Atoma Batoma, George Gottschalk, Leon Wilson, Yali Feng

3:00-3:05 Welcome and Minutes Approval Moved Cindy Seconded Qiang

3:05-3:10 Chair Elections - need nominations to hold elections in February meeting.

## 3:10-3:30 Charge Discussion and Ratification

**Draft Charge Document** 

1. Draft approved by acclamation. Victor will pass on to Executive Committee for approval.

## 3:30-3:35 Becoming a Trans Inclusive Library (BTIL) Update

- 1. Savvy Researcher workshops Thursday, November 18 were well attended. Spencer will not have time to offer them again in Spring.
- 2. Possible Train-the-Trainer workshop in February.
- Mikael has been working on extracting text from the workshops, and storyboarding them to develop videos with the information from the workshops. Has recruited volunteers for voice actors.
- 4. Mikael will coordinate an "AMA" (ask me anything) workshop on "Ask a Trans Person."

### 3:35-3:45 Programming

- a. Microaggressions Brownbag Debrief well attended and very engaged audience.
- b. Visit to Spurlock for <u>Sewn in Memory: AIDS Quilt Panels from Central Illinois</u> exhibit, January 6, 2022 11:00, meet in Main Library Gallery, possibly lunch after.

#### 3:45-3:50 Other Business

- 1. <u>Committee Page</u> is up to date.
- 2. Spring meeting dates: First Tuesday 3-4 p.m. February-May

#### 3:50-4:00 Round Robin

**Spencer:** The U-C Comics Colloquium is hosting a virtual talk/workshop by <u>Dr. Sasha Sanders</u> February 17 that may be of interest to DEIA folks. Look for the announcement in January. I have a *ton* of books from an awards committee I was on and will donate what the library doesn't have and put the rest out free to good home.

**Cindy:** I am serving on a DEI Task Force for the Politics, Policy, and International Relations Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries. If others on the Diversity

Committee are serving on a similar task force/group within their professional associations, please share information with Cindy.

**Victor:** DEIA Taskforce is having a retreat in Spring. Moving forward with activities to fulfill the charge.

Researching a source of funding to provide staff with professional development funds. (Cindy: Dean Wilkin previously funded two people to attend a DEIA conference by application).

**Atoma:** IASL is inviting an Indian author, Jai Chakrabarti to speak, March 3, 2022. Author of <u>A Play for the End of the World</u>.

**Yali:** Attended some workshops on COVID 19, Health Equity, and the AAPI and Native Hawaiian community.