

Committee on Library & Scholarly Communications (LSC)
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday January 21, 2026

Present: J. Genereux (Chair)
A. Denny-Brown
V. Saragadam
M. Carreras
A. Bekker
B. Lattu
M. Hosoi, University Librarian
A. Parra Rios
E. Casilas

Absent: M. Carreras

Discussion & Action:

Chair Genereux called the meeting to order with the motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting on Wednesday December 17, 2025. The minutes were approved as presented.

Discussion: The Needs Surrounding Physical Materials and Books

The meeting focused on discussions about the importance of physical books and resources in art education, with faculty expressing concerns about the reduction of physical library materials and advocating for a balanced collection of digital and physical resources.

Library Updates:

The University Librarian addressed concerns about the weeding process and emphasized the need for better faculty involvement, while also discussing ongoing personnel changes and collaborations with other university units. University Librarian Hosoi invited faculty to participate in the ongoing weeding process and suggested that librarians be more proactive in reaching out to departments. She also mentioned the possibility of reinstating a library liaison structure to improve communication between faculty and librarians.

Library facilities updates were presented, including renovation projects, new conservation labs, and plans for improving the library environment through various initiatives. University Librarian Hosoi stated the 3rd floor of Orbach Library has a tentative schedule to reopen during the spring quarter pending the completion of the renovation. Other updates included the mention of a new studio on the first floor focused on student success and instructor development as well as creating a more inviting space and potentially adding an auditorium and koi pond