

MONDAY MUSINGS

Good afternoon, everyone,

I hope this edition of Monday Musings finds you well. The semester is certainly off to a busy start!

Today's message includes a few reminders, as well as an update on the next steps regarding the organizational review. As always, please feel free to respond with questions or comments.

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ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW UPDATE

By this time next week, I will have received the final report from the Organizational Review Team. I will spend a few weeks reviewing the report and deciding which recommendations to move forward. I plan to announce my decisions in early to mid-March.

I am grateful for the work of ORT members, and for the insight and guidance you have provided along the way. I look forward to finalizing our new directions within a few short weeks.

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NEW CAMPUS INITIATIVES

I would like to draw your attention to two initiatives that were highlighted in the Provost's E-News today: master planning and CBIZ.

I encourage you to attend one of the two public forums being held on February 20 to help shape the master plan for KU. To learn more, please see <http://provost.ku.edu/enews/20130211>.

The university has contracted with CBIZ to assist with a comprehensive classification and market study for all non-faculty positions (USS and unclassified professional staff). Mike Broadwell will soon contact all library supervisors about next steps to advance this initiative at KU Libraries.

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NEW FACE IN THE DEAN'S OFFICE

Kierstin McMichael is the new office assistant in the administrative office this semester. Originally from Wichita, Kansas, she is a freshman here at the University of Kansas and is currently a history major with a possible interest in pre-law. In addition to participating in the Multicultural Scholars Program, Hawk Link and Freshmen Leadership Council this semester, she likes to Skype with her mom and her cat, Tuxedo, in her spare time. She will be in the 5th floor administrative office in Watson from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays, 12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, and 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Thursdays.

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LIBRARY GALLERY EXHIBITION OPENING

A new collaborative jazz exhibit, featuring prominent jazz collections of the Midwest, including our own Jazz Archive, and highlighting the work of KU faculty, opens this Friday at the Library Gallery in Watson Library. The opening reception for "Rhythm and Meaning: Jazz at KU" begins at 5:30 with refreshments and live music by the

KU Jazz Combo, followed by a conversation with Film and Media Studies professor Chuck Berg. I would like to thank the exhibition committee, headed by Sarah Goodwin-Thiel, as well as George Gibbs, Jane Hoyt and Sara Morris for pulling together what promises to be an outstanding exhibition.

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CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF ADVOCATES

Friday also brings two other important events: meetings of the libraries' campaign committee and Board of Advocates. The campaign committee, which includes five of the libraries' most generous supporters, seeks to ensure our success during Far Above, KU's comprehensive campaign. This group will meet from 12:30-2 pm in Watson 502. The Board of Advocates, which is comprised of 30 friends and benefactors provide the human and financial resources necessary to promote and achieve the mission and vision of KU Libraries, will meet from 2-5:30 pm in Watson 455.

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GRADUATE RESEARCH & WRITE IN

I was pleased to see so many librarians assisting at Saturday's Graduate Research & Write In, an event co-sponsored by KU Libraries and the Writing Center. Many thanks to Nikhat Ghouse, Kim Glover, Judith Emde, Scott McEathron, Fran Devlin, Tami Albin and Julie Petr for staffing this event. Over the course of the day, 44 graduate students participated, some seeking assistance with EndNote and electronic thesis/dissertation formatting, as well as one-on-one consultations with librarians in topics like geography.

We continue to seek participation in the Research and Write In scheduled for Saturday, April 16. This is a major outreach effort to the graduate student population and supports one of the Libraries' strategic initiatives.

During your shift, you will greet and assist graduate students through the registration process; answer questions about making appointments with libraries and writing center; answer graduate level research questions, assist graduate students with research skills in a variety of subject matters; refer more complex questions to the appropriate subject librarian via the appointment form on Ask A Librarian; and rove the fourth floor and engage with graduates students, reminding them of the services offered by both the libraries and the writing center.

Shifts are two hours each, and refreshments will be provided. Please let Rebecca Smith know which shift you can cover by April 1:

Saturday, April 16
10 am - 12 pm
12-2 pm
2-4 pm

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INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS VALENTINE'S BASH

International Programs' Valentine's Bash is scheduled for 9-10 a.m. on Thursday, February 14 in Watson Three West. Please stop by to say hello if your schedule allows.

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ALL-STAFF MEETING

Just a reminder, the February All-Staff meeting is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 15 from 10-11:30 am in Watson Three West. I hope to see you there!

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That's all for this week. Make it a great one!

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