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Colleagues,

Welcome back! I trust that you had a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday.

This edition of Monday Musings includes updates on space planning, strategic planning, news regarding office relocations and a few event reminders. As always, I invite you to respond with questions or comments.

As we resume our work this week I would like to highlight some upcoming changes around Watson library in the next few months.

First, you may have noticed the new glass wall on the 4 west in Watson Library. The space is intended to be used flexibly in the short term until we have gathered data and feedback to finalize plans for Watson 4.

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STAFF OFFICE RELOCATION

In an effort to increase the amount of student space available in Anschutz Library, I recently worked with our leadership team on a plan to move a number of library faculty and staff offices to available space within Watson. This move will also serve to increase collaboration. By co-locating a majority of our library faculty and staff on Watson's third and fourth floors, I believe we can improve communication and creative partnerships across units.

Some have inquired as to the timing of these changes. With our organizational structure review still underway, we know additional adjustments to office space may be required. However, a limited funding opportunity meant the time was right for construction and remodeling. In the coming months, we will work to ensure our physical arrangements best suit our organizational structure, while keeping disruptions of faculty/staff and services to an absolute minimum.

Once construction of new office space on Watson 4 is complete in February 2013, we will relocate some colleagues to that space. Following some refurbishing of the office area on Watson 3 east some colleagues will relocate to that space this summer. Our plan is to have all changes in place by the start of the fall semester.

We will share relocation information as soon as it's available. If you have any questions about these upcoming changes, please contact your Assistant/Associate Dean.

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Oversight Team Update | Mary Roach (chair) and Aileen Ball (co-chair):

The project teams for Phase I of Strategic Plan Implementation are now finalized—there are 22 project teams, with 60 KU Libraries faculty and staff involved. Please see the attached PDF document *Phase I—Strategies/Strategy Owners and prioritized actions* for the finalized list of the appointed Project Teams.

On December 14, SPOT and the Phase I Strategy Owners will meet with Libraries Assessment Council representatives to discuss assessment tools. On January 11, Strategy Owners will provide their first quarterly progress update on implementation.

In early to mid-December, we intend to offer another LOSDC-sponsored “Introduction to Project Management” training event for project team members.

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RECEPTION FOR MONICA CLAASSEN

Please join us at 3:00p.m.on Friday afternoon, Nov. 30 for a reception to thank Monica Claassen for her service to KU Libraries. The gathering will be held in Watson Room 455.

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HOLIDAY PARTY REMINDER

The holiday party is scheduled for Friday, December 7 from 11:30 am – 1 pm in Watson Three West. The event will follow the All-Staff meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 10 am. Nikhat Ghouse and Roberta Woodrick will share more information about the party soon.

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That's all for this week. Many thanks to each of you as we gear up for the very busy end of the semester!

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