Present:

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
I. The minutes from November 17, 2020 regular meeting

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
I. Welcome Kelly Grogg, Research and User Services Librarian (Elizabeth Waraksa)

REPORTS, UPDATES
I. Status of Cluster Hire Search Committee (Bill Gillis)

GENERAL BUSINESS
I. Report of the Standing Committees
   a. Librarian Review and Development Committee (Shira Eller)
   b. Grievance Committee (David Ettinger)
   c. Code & By-Laws Committee (Brigette Kamsler)
II. Update from the Dean: Geneva Henry

NEW BUSINESS
I. Proposal to revise Council search procedures (Laura Wrubel)
   A. Current Search Committee Procedures
   B. Proposal to form an ad hoc committee to update search procedures
II. Discussion: Council’s Response and Potential Action Plans Regarding Insurrection at the Capitol on January 6, 2021
   A. What do you think Council should do in light of the events at the US Capitol on 7 January 2021 and calls to action from GW leadership (see below)? Members should add their ideas to this Jamboard and prepare to discuss during the meeting.
   B. Consider statements from leaders, professional organizations, and President LeBlanc (and others not listed):
      1. President LeBlanc’s message to the GW community (sent on January 7, 2021): “At GW, our location represents the democratic ideals we uphold, our sense of civic responsibility, and our passion for public service. It is a constant reminder that we must use our teaching and research mission in service of the public good, and in service of democracy—especially when that democracy is threatened. ... Let’s channel our horror and anger about yesterday’s events toward a passion for making a difference and doing all we can to strengthen our great democracy.”
      2. Dean Henry’s message to LAI (sent on January 7, 2021): “In our role as educators of information literacy, we must pledge to redouble our efforts to help the GW community to identify, evaluate, and use information to combat the spread of false theories and conjecture that undermine the legitimacy of our governing infrastructure. There has never been a more crucial time for us to pursue this vital work. Of equal importance, we
must denounce the racist behavior witnessed yesterday and continue to combat it whenever it appears.”

3. ALA Council’s working draft: Resolution to Condemn White Supremacy and Fascism as Antithetical to Library Work

4. ALA statement issued on January 7, 2021