

Present: Kevin Walker, Hallie Pritchett, Kaitlyn Tanis, H Pedelty, Vivienne McClendon, Brett Spencer, Allison Payne, Lorely Ambriz, Dan DeSanto, Natalie Marquez

Introductions:

Need to be done by April 1, 2024

Kaitlyn and Hallie will take two weeks to finish final edits before we hand it in later in April - **will send it to the group by April 8, 2024 and to ACRL Committees**

Will meet as a group once more to go over everything - week of April 8, 2024

Due to ACRL by April 12, 2024

1. Upholding Intellectual Freedom - **Natalie, Hallie, Allison, Brett, and Kim**
2. Federal Funding for Libraries - **Vivienne and Kaitlyn**
 - a. Good to know - grant and additional support for libraries
 - b. Still waiting for information on the appropriations bill
3. Net Neutrality - **H, Lorely**
 - a. Added some updates about a new nominee that has been approved
 - b. Not much information outside of an update in October
4. Safety and Security of Artificial Intelligence - **Kevin, Natalie, and Lorely**
 - a. Focus on AI and potential impacts on AI in higher education
 - b. Potentially will be talking about administrative elements
 - c. Want lawmakers to look at these issues pretty seriously and have librarians be a part of that conversation
5. Open Access and Federally Funded Research - **Dan and Gregory**
 - a. Made a few updates and changes - mainly to ACRL's position
 - b. As agencies are creating open access plans - ACRL advocates for assessment of needs to ensure that there is open access compliance
 - c. SPARK is doing a lot on this already
6. Affordable College Textbook Act - **Kaitlyn**
 - a. Thinking about adding information on this article about inclusive campus:
<https://www.insidehighered.com/news/government/2024/01/29/biden-admin-looks-clamp-down-inclusive-access> - maybe add to Good to Know
7. Watchlist:
 - a. iPEDS - **Hallie**
 - b. Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA)/Immigration Issues - **Hallie and Brett**
 - i. Having another show in courts once more - multiple courts are currently fighting over citizenship status
 - c. Environmental Impact of Data Centers & Emerging Technologies- **Kevin, Natalie, Vivienne, Lorely**
 - i. Think we are good to go here for the environmental impact
 - ii. Emerging Technologies will be complete in a few days
 - iii. Will be keeping the emerging technologies area here rather than combine it with AI
 - d. Consumer Data Privacy - **Natalie**
 - i. Almost done updating this section - added information on tracking privacies in each state
 - ii. Will include social media apps in general (especially TikTok), and a little bit on AI
 - e. Accessible Instructional Materials - **Allison and Brett**

- i. Discovered a group within the DOE about this topic/ Includes a guide that provides guidance and benchmarks - helps to have until government regulation can step in
 - ii. AI is also affecting this as well - especially with students with disabilities:
<https://www.utimes.pitt.edu/news/teaching-pitt-using>
- f. Good to Know - **Hallie and Kaitlyn**
 - i. Move to top of the Watchlist! iPEDS dropping library data component for collecting statistics - could have a huge impact on academic libraries and how our services are used - Hallie will write this up