

Minutes of the Library Advisory December 12, 2014 Meeting

Present: Dr. Scott Breloff, Dr. Lori Bruch, Dr. Carol Cote, Dr. Kathy Dwyer, Dr. Marian Farrell, Chair, Mrs. Sharon Finnerty, Mr. Eugeniu Grigorescu, Dean Charles Kratz, Dr. Yibai Li, Dr. Bob McCloskey, Prof. Sheli McHugh, Prof. Betsey Moylan, Prof. Bonnie Oldham, Dr. Christos Pargianas, Dr. Kim Pavlick, Dr. Adam Pratt, Dr. David Salerno, Associate Dean Bonnie Strohl, Dr. Ben Willis Prof. Kristen Yarmey and Dr. John Zych. Unable to Attend: Prof. George Aulisio, Dr. Tracey Collins, Dr. Marzia Caporale, Dr. Barry Kuhle, Assistant Dean Jean Lenville, Prof. Narda Tafuri, and Prof. Donna Witek.

The meeting came to order at 12:20

On a motion by Dr. Willis, seconded by Prof. Moylan, the minutes were approved.

Dean Kratz expressed his appreciation to everyone with whom he worked this past year. He is now on the Budget Advisory Committee. It is likely that 700 lines will see a 2-3% increase in AY2015-16. The Library will most likely get an additional 3% for acquisition of materials. Ms. Strohl reported that the Allocation Subcommittee would meet in the spring semester to finalize a formula for allocation of these funds.

Task Forces that emerged from the WML + 10 planning have been meeting. One of these is devoted to 24/7 access to the second floor by Fall 2015. One issue is the use of the Library by the public. As part of our Jesuit Mission and a reciprocal borrowing agreement with the Lackawanna Library Systems for residents of Lackawanna County, The Weinberg Library has day and evening use by members of the public, the majority of whom are using public terminals to access the Internet. Other uses include reading newspapers, using microfilm and other materials. During finals, the Library closes to the public at 10 p.m. Students enter the building by swiping their cards. The Scranton Public Library closes at 9 p.m. Rather than matching that time, the Library would like to pilot closing to the public at 10 p.m. throughout the 2015 Spring semester. To enforce this policy, staff generally become familiar with which users are members of the public. Those who are in the building may be asked to show their RoyalCards. Students from TCMC are frequent users who have a tendency to stake claim to group study rooms which is no longer possible to do on the first floor since these require RoyalID numbers to book. After some discussion, it was agreed that it would be a good idea to close to the public to make the library more available to our own students and to prepare for 24 hour access to the second floor when this portion of the building will need to be cleared of those who should not legitimately stay in the building after gates are brought down.

From February 26-March 10, 2015, IT and Library services will be assessed using the Measuring Information Services Outcomes (MISO) survey. Fifteen institutions of various sizes will be administering this assessment tool including Bucknell, Loyola Maryland, Harvard and Spring Hill. The survey takes between 10-15 minutes. All faculty and undergraduate students will receive the survey. Dean Kratz asked committee members to encourage their colleagues and students to respond to the survey.

Prof. Oldham thanked Dr. Caporale, Dr. Cote, Dr. Pargianas, Dr. Lefler, Dr. Zula and Dr. Zych for serving on the Information Literacy Stipends Subcommittee. The Subcommittee voted to fund all five of the applications that were submitted: Dr. Jessica Bachman Exercise Science 435, Dr. Scott Breloff, Exercise Science 448, Dr. Jean Harris Political Science 131, Dr. Ben Willis Counseling 505, and Prof. Dawn Zera Writing 107.

Mrs. Finnerty provided information about NJVID (New Jersey Digital Media Repository), a company that provides solution for streaming media that is not hosted by the vendors of the programs. This company works with several academic institutions. There is an unlimited number of simultaneous users. It will interface with D2L. The link to their website <http://www.njvid.net/commercial-vendors.php> lists the vendor with whom they work.

Prof. McHugh provided an update on the Reilly Learning Commons. The use of Room Reservations was high, 10,352 half hour slot reservations for the 2014 Fall semester. Data on RoyalCard swipes to get into the room is highest on Saturday, the day when the Library is open the fewest hours. The lecture Capture Room was available beginning in October. Dr. Farrell had two classes use the facility, one Chemistry used it and SJLA students used it for practice sessions. Color printing has been popular. One student used Photoshop to produce images for Christmas gifts! Not a "flaming success," just a flame when a spark burned the HDMI cable in one of the pod.

The Environmental Art Show will be April 13, 2015. Work in any medium may be submitted until April 10th.

Ms. Strohl reported for Prof. Tafuri that all book orders are due February 13, 2015. Three databases that were not renewed expire in December. These are: Emerald, IoPScience, Duke University Press. She demonstrated the Choice online database. In addition the having reviews like the cards that were circulated did, there are bibliographic essays and articles of interest to various disciplines. Users may profile their interests to get automatically get reviews sent to their emails. Anyone who need help with this should contact Prof. Tafuri or Ms. Strohl.

Prof. Yarmey is on the University Planning committee (UPC) which now has more faculty and student government representation. The University is working on the next strategic plan. The Provost has three themes with a focus on student learning: engaged, integrated and global. Prof. Yarmey is working on the Integrate theme vision of research at the University. There was discussion of the meaningful contributions that make a difference in the lives of people, adaptable spaces, knowledge creation, and SLO accountability. Realistically, for faculty, research gets backburnered due to the demands of teaching and service. There was a lively discussion of ways in which students' work can be captured, students as knowledge producers, and student travel to conferences.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Strohl