

Library Advisory Committee
Minutes of the May 8, 2015 Meeting

Present: Dr. Scott Breloff , Dr. Lori Bruch, Dr. Marzia Caporale, Dr. Tracy Collins, Dr. Carol Cote, Dr. Kathy Dwyer, Dr. Marian Farrell, Chair, Dr. Michael Fennie, Mrs. Sharon Finnerty, Dr. Terri-Freeman-Smith, Prof. David Friedrichs, Mr. Eugeniu Grigorescu, Dr. Teresa Grettano, Dr. Jakub Jasinski, Dean Charles Kratz, Dr. Andrew LaZella, Assistant Dean Jean Lenville, Dr. Yibai Li, Prof. Sheli McHugh, Prof. Betsey Moylan, Prof. Bonnie Oldham, Dr. Christos Pargianas, Dr. Adam Pratt, Dr. David Salerno, Dr. Yamile Silvia, Associate Dean Bonnie Strohl, Prof. Narda Tafuri, Dr. Ben Willis Ms. Natalie Wentz, Prof. Donna Witek, Prof. Kristen Yarmey and Dr. John Zych.
Unable to attend: Prof. George Aulisio, Dr. Barry Kuhle, Dr. Nathan Lefler, and Dr. Kim Pavlick.

The meeting came to order at 12:05 p.m.

On a motion by Dr. Breloff, seconded by Dr. Pratt, the minutes were approved.

Dean Kratz reported that the Library's acquisition budget increased by 3%. After covering inflation on interdisciplinary databases that are in the Library's budget line, there will be money to distribute to the departments. Teaching Enhancement and Online Course Development Grants were the only other areas that received budget support. Dean Kratz will be on the Budget Advisory Committee again in AY2015/16.

Task Forces that developed from the WML +10 report include one to make the second floor of the Library available 24/7. This access is in response to students' requests for a variety of seating options. There was also feedback on seating in the MISO survey. Funds remaining from the 20th Anniversary effort will be used for modest changes to make the second floor 24 hour accessible. Prof. Moylan reported that a new set of double glass doors, and a gate will secure the Circulation Desk area. A card swipe on the Galvin Terrace sliding door will provide entrance on that side of the building. The elevator will have shut off locks for upper floors so that those who are in wheelchairs can utilize the second floor.

Library Administration and Prof. Moylan met with Chief Don Bergmann on the strategic placement of cameras on the second floor. The Library had experienced a rash of thefts of unattended items. There were increased rounds of the building by University Police Officers and a campus advisory. During 2-6 am, there will not be maintenance staff in the building. {Note: A third shift was added on August 31st.}

Dean Kratz announced that both members of the Interlibrary Loan Department had elected to take the staff retirement window. Maggie Restuccia will be leaving in May after 37 years of service. Sheila Ferraro will leave in December 2015. Bonnie Strohl will also be leaving in December 2015 after 30 years of service. The search for her replacement as an academic administrator is governed by the faculty handbook.

Prof. Oldham announced the winners of the Library Research Prizes. The Graduate winner is Paula Annunziato. Graduate Honorable Mention goes to a group consisting of Caitlin Thompson; Antonietta Bruno; Carol Mastrosante; Meghan Durney. The Undergraduate Winner is April Francia. Undergraduate Honorable Mentions go to Alannah Caisey, to Christine Panzitta and to a group consisting of Dennis Cho; Rachel Conniff; Alexandra Crowley; Lauren Krasucki; Erik Meyer; Kaitlin Mulroy; Christina Nowack. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the reception on May 14th at 2:30 in the Library Heritage Room. Prof. Oldham thanked the Subcommittee for their time to read and review submissions.

Ms. Strohl summarized the options for revision of the Allocation formula: maintaining the current iteration with its cost of acquiring materials based on historical spending on either print or journals or revising the formula to one of three options. The first option is to revise the formula to use current costs for acquisition of materials rather than relying on the labor intensive current practice. The second and third options are using the historical or current costs, reserving \$500 for the allocation for each new programs before applying the formula then adding the \$500 to each of the departments with new programs. The revision recommended by the Allocation Subcommittee is using new programs as a fifth factor. PowerPoint slides from her presentation are attached. During the meeting, only the summary slides were presented.

Dr. Bruch, seconded by Dr. Freeman-Smith, moved that the Library Advisory committee adopt the 5th factor of new programs in addition to FTES, FTEF, credit hours and cost of acquiring materials for calculating the allocation to departments of funds within the Library's acquisition budget in those years in which the library receives an increase in its budget. The motion carried.

Ms. Strohl will contact department chairs to ascertain if there are any new programs. She will get FTES, FTEF, and number of credit hours for AY 2014/15 from Jordan Knicely. Prof. Tafuri will provide collection cost information.

Prof. Friedrichs opened discussion on journals that are either exorbitantly priced or those that misrepresent their scholarship which could impact rank and tenure decisions. There is a danger of falling prey or being enticed into publishing in these titles with the result of damaging a faculty member's reputation. There is some controversy regarding Beall's list.

<http://scholarlyoa.com/individual-journals/> . Beall's list criteria:

<https://scholarlyoa.files.wordpress.com/2015/01/criteria-2015.pdf>. Cabell's is a good source for determining acceptance rate and reputation of a journal but it does not cover all disciplines.

[Note: The following information was provided by George Aulisio who was not able to attend the meeting. An article describing some of the controversy surrounding Beal's stance against open access (OA) journals and that annual journal inflation is justified: <http://crln.acrl.org/content/76/3/132.full.pdf> Open Access is not to blame for predatory journals since some are in print or online. Link to The Directory of Open Access Journals <https://doaj.org/>]

Prof. Yarmey led a discussion on privacy as a core value in librarianship. The library is looking at its own internal data collection practices, model license agreements with vendors and advocating for privacy on campus. She invited input and feedback.

Dr. Farrell passed around a signup sheet for those who were interested in continuing to serve on the Library Advisory Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:55.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Strohl