

COMMITTEE: Libraries Committee

MEETING DATE: November 18, 2015

PERSON PRESIDING: Robert Campbell

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Imre Patyi, Patricia Dragon, Jeni Parker, Al Jones, Christopher Rivera, Lisa Beth Robinson,

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Beth Ketterman, Marcelo Ardon-Sayao, Rick Hernandez, Cooper Kinsey

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Katy Webb, Eleanor Cook

ACTIONS OF MEETING:

Agenda Item: Approve minutes of October meeting

Discussion: None

Action Taken: Minutes approved

Assigned additional duties to: None

Agenda Item: Presentation on ECU Libraries database list

Discussion: Librarians Katy Webb and Eleanor Cook gave a presentation on changes that will be made to the libraries' database list on their websites. The changes attempt to make it easier for novice users to find what they need, while also making it easier for more experienced users to find a specific database. While they like the new version, committee members suggested keeping the old version also available for an interim period in case users are disoriented by the change. They suggested publicizing the change on college listservs and contacting professors of writing intensive classes.

Action Taken: None

Assigned additional duties to: None

Agenda Item: Executive summary, Laupus Library

Discussion: Robert shared the news that Beth Ketterman has been named Interim Director of Laupus Library. Beth shared that the Laupus budget cut this year was 1.22%. Approximately 20% has been cut from the budget over the last 7 or so years. The nutrition collection has been received from Joyner and has been integrated into Laupus. Before finals Laupus will be conducting a drawing from students who respond to social media posts from the library. Winners will win the "VIP room," which is a booked study room during finals, and other perks. A Starbucks truck will be parked near Laupus Library next semester.

Action Taken: None

Assigned additional duties to: None

Agenda Item: Executive summary, Joyner Library

Discussion: Patricia provided Jan Lewis' report since Jan was away at a conference. Here is the report:

I'm sorry I have to miss the meeting today. I'm in New Orleans for the Association of Southeast Research Library's fall meeting.

Joyner Library's budget cut for FY2016 is 1.52% of our total budget, or \$190,000. We submitted the following:

- \$62,701:** Cut to EPA line (Position #942003)
- \$64,119:** Cut to operating (student wages).
- \$35,330:** Cut to Virtual Library budget (cut = 1.52% of VL budget). Department staff at Joyner and Laupus Libraries will work together to implement this cut.
- \$27,850:** Cut to acquisition budget

Joyner Library's faculty and staff continue to work hard to minimize the impact of budget cuts to faculty and students, but it is inevitable that the cuts do have lasting impacts, as they affect the availability of scholarly materials to ECU faculty and students as well as our ability to support new researcher needs such as digital scholarship and data preservation.

On Nov. 13, Joyner Library sponsored an alternative textbook presentation by NC State faculty and students. NC State Libraries provided \$11,000 in stipends to 13 faculty members in 8 departments last year. The Director of the Copyright & Digital Scholarship Center described the program, and then two of the faculty members who used the stipends to create new open access texts shared their experiences. A chemistry professor discussed the creation of videos to demonstrate lab procedures and use of equipment. The videos replaced a commercial lab manual. A professor in Parks, Recreation & Tourism Management explained that no textbook existed for a new course she was teaching. She, along with the graduate student who assisted her, discussed how they created an online textbook, using articles, chapters of books, videos and simulations. Approximately 30 people attended the session and there was a spirited question and answer period. I announced during the session that Joyner Library will introduce a similar program. We will share the draft guidelines with the Libraries Committee and ask for your feedback before distributing them to faculty before the end of fall semester. The first stipends or mini-grants will be awarded in the spring. I am very excited about this new program which I am paying for with income from an endowment. A session aimed at students was held in the afternoon. Attendance was low, but the students who attended were very engaged and are taking information back to various groups including the SGA. *The East Carolinian* will likely publish a story about textbook affordability soon.

Action Taken: None

Assigned additional duties to: None

Agenda Item: Scholarly Communication Committee update

Discussion: Patricia gave a summary of the recent work of the Scholarly Communication Committee. The libraries are beginning a new program to encourage the creation of "alternative textbooks," which may draw on licensed resources offered by the libraries as well as other works selected by faculty, and which are intended to create a free electronic alternative to expensive commercial textbooks. The program would

accept applications in the spring for small grants for faculty who want to adapt their syllabi in this way over the summer for classes in Fall 2016. Look for more information to be publicized by the libraries soon. There is also a webinar hosted by the libraries on the subject of alternative textbooks on November 19 at 11 a.m. [A recording is available [here](#) .] Also, librarians have been working on a video introducing scholarly communication to graduate students. When it is finished, it will be part of Graduate 101, a research guide available from the libraries' websites.

Committee members expressed interest in alternative textbooks, and asked if copyright concerns would be addressed. Patricia indicated that librarians were available to help faculty with copyright questions.

Action Taken: None

Assigned additional duties to: None

Agenda Item: Open Access Publishing Support Fund

Discussion: AI indicated that the fund had received some applications and they are reviewing them.

Action Taken: None

Assigned additional duties to: None

NEXT MEETING: January 20, 2016, 3:00 p.m. possibly at Laupus Library

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: Agenda to be determined.