COMMITTEE: Libraries Committee

MEETING DATE: Wednesday January 21, 2015

PERSON PRESIDING: Chair Robert Campbell

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Gail Munde, Qin Ding, Patricia Dragon, Cybele Moon, Karl Rasmussen, Imre Patyi

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jan Lewis, Beth Ketterman

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: None

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Search for Director of Laupus Library

Discussion: Robert reported on the search- there was a day of skype meetings to interview a number of candidates and there will be one more day of skype meetings in the near future to interview a few more. After these meetings happen the committee will choose who will be brought to campus for interviews.

Robert reported that the candidate that they are looking for should both able to work well with all the librarians as well as provide new (?) challenges. All the candidates were from the east coast of the US- from North to South.

Action Taken: Committee should look for emails that will let you know when Laupus Library Candidates will be on campus for interviews- Please attend the open sessions for these candidates if at all possible.

Assigned Additional Duties to: None at this time.

Agenda Item: Director of Joyner Library Search

Discussion: Patricia reported that the Joyner Library Director search has chosen three candidates and that our current interim Director is part of this list. The on campus interviews will take place on the following days:

Feb 9 and 10 - Edward Owusu-Ansah
Presentation to University Constituents: February 9, 2015 from 3:00 – 4:30 pm in Mendenhall Student Center, Social Room

Feb 17 and 17 - Eric Shoaf
Presentation to University Constituents: February 16, 2015 from 3:00 – 4:30 pm in Mendenhall Student Center, Hendrix Theatre.

Feb 19 and 20 - Interim Director Jan Lewis
Presentation to University Constituents: February 19, 2015 from 3:00 – 4:30 pm in Mendenhall Student Center, Hendrix Theatre.

The Director of Joyner Library Search Committee met on January 22 to finalize these schedules.
July 1 is the expected/hoped for start date of both Laupus and Joyner Director Positions.

*Action Taken:* None at this time

*Assigned Additional Duties to:* Request for the Libraries Committee to attend the presentations given by the Candidates.

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**Agenda Item:** Jan Lewis Reported on the January 2015 Library Wide meeting and all the developments over the past year at Joyner library.

*See Attached Sheets and Powerpoint Document…*

Robert Campbell asked: How is the update/what is happening regarding the redesign of the Joyner Library website?

Jan Lewis replied: There have been some beginning updates and improvements, including title searches, but there has not been a full overhaul as of yet.

Pat responded: There is a Beta Catalog link- you can test out the new things/new look/ tell them about any bugs. User Study focus groups- the library may need people to assist with this… There is a user experience group and they may need folks to look at these elements

Cybele questioned: How do we get involved/on a list to help out? Eleanor cook is organizing

Jan responded: Eleanor Cook is organizing this and possibly in May 2015 there could be opportunities for Volunteers to help with the process and Jan will let her know the Libraries committee is interested in assisting.

*Action Taken:* None at this time.

*Assigned Additional Duties to:* None at this time.

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**Agenda Item:** Laupus Library

Beth Ketterman reported: Jan Lewis (?) and Susan Simpson are leading the strategic planning process for both libraries to create budgets and a joint plan.

Jan Lewis reported: Both Libraries focused their strategic plan on three overlapping needs, however each Library will still have their own separate plans, which are due Jan 31.

The former Development Officer for both Libraries has left the position for another job.

Jan Lewis and 2? other people (?) met to decide the best way forward for this challenge. A request has been made to create two positions; a Development Officer for Laupus Library and one for Joyner Library. Funding will need to be found to create each of these positions.

As the Library Director must have a good working relationship with the Development Officer, the search for these positions will come on after/running behind the Directors searches.
Beth Ketterman Reported: Laupus Library budget shortfall is using a one-time fund to cover current expenses. All Library resources are being utilized at this time however, the one time fund will not be available again.

The Library Unit code meeting committee (?) is looking at recreating/updating meeting codes for both libraries. The meeting took place on January 21. The updated Unit Code proposal will go to faculty senate to be approved.

The head of inventory at Laups- looked at print collection- there has been a 2.5 loss for whole print collection over the past year. The loss includes many nursing books and dental medicine books. Future plans include overseeing and checking the inventory on a regular basis.

Due to the need to secure the inventory in a better way, alarms and an alarm system are in the process of being installed and a security guard has been hired for all evening shifts when the library is open.

Gail Munde reminded the committee that many of the texts that have been stolen have a great resale market on the internet- especially on Amazon.

Agenda Item: Scholarly Committee

Pat Dragon reported: The ECU Ready to Write held a Author/panel Discussion on January 27. Lunch was provided.

http://blog.ecu.edu/sites/libnews/blog/2015/01/09/ready-to-write-ecu-author-panel-discussion/

Action Taken: None at this time

Assigned Additional Duties to: None at this time

Agenda Item: Open Access Publishing Support Fund

Gail Munde Reported: (Taken from Gail’s writings)

By the close of the Fall 2014 semester the committee had approved expenditures of $10,000 of the $15,000 allocated.

Requests were approved as submitted and no requests, so far, have been declined. Most requests had come from Faculty in the Life Sciences departments and were for Important Journal publications.

Dr. Spaniolas suggested that in the future a possible plan could include a cap plus a certain percentage of funding – e.g. up to $1500 + 25% of that amount. This might better spread the resources to equalize variations in fee structures established by publications.

The next Open Access Publishing Support Fund meeting will happen on February 4, 2015
Qin Ding asked: does the committee distinguish between the quality of journal? Conferences can have higher impact than journals/ more immediate impact than journals- people submit papers to this….

Gail responded: There is one committee member, Joseph Thomas, works at Joyner/ who screens all requests for fake journals or predatory journals. There are many out there. And most of the requests have been for /from highly qualified journals. In addition, there is a Professor in Colorado who maintains an up-to-date list predatory and suspicious journals.

See his profile and lists here:
http://scholarlyoa.com/about/
http://scholarlyoa.com/publishers/

Action Taken: None at this time

Assigned Additional Duties to: None at this time

Final Comments

Jan Lewis reminded the Libraries Committee to share with their colleagues that between Library budget cuts and yearly inflation the Libraries are dealing with a very complicated situation due to funding within the UNC system. It is a precarious time for Higher Education.

Beth Ketterman also reminded the committee that Laupus does not have any more ‘special funds. The Library was previously spending over $300,000 a year on books and now must allocate only $50,000 a year due to the budget cuts.