COMMITTEE: ECU Libraries

MEETING DATE: April 15, 2015

PERSON PRESIDING: Robert Campbell

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

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: None

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ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Search for the Director of Laupus Library

Discussion: 3 candidates came and presented, 1 candidate withdrew after her interview.

The Search Committee for the Director of Laupus Library has met and made a decision, references are being checked and the information will be given to Dr. Phyllis Horns.

Action Taken: None at this time

Assigned Additional Duties to: None at this time


Discussion:
Gail shared: She attended this conference in March and gave a presentation with ECU Joyner Library Reference and Instruction Librarian Bryna Coonin on 'Cross-generational Valuing among Peer Academic Librarians: Following up with Millennial'

This presentation involved statistics about the intergenerational dynamics of academic librarians, most importantly on who is a role model for whom and especially how millennials interact with older colleagues.

Average age of Librarians is 49.
Questions raised as part of this presentation:
How can mid and senior career librarians assist other age groups?
How do we deal with obsolete information that senior career librarians maintain?
Challenges: Each age group only wants to be social with their own age group, however the most successful role model pairing could come from mid career and early career librarians.

Cross-divisional – few of the academic librarians valued colleagues outside their own division or departmental work groups

Millennial admire a strong work ethic and high job engagement traits of other employees. These traits are more important to Millennial than any other age group.

Few people identify the leadership/ people don’t see these traits so how does one emulate if they cannot see it happening in front of them?

Senior career people are not likely to value those outside their age group

Early career employees do not know how to navigate the university political environment throughout their division.

Jan Lewis also attended the ASERL conference and summarized sessions she attended on textbook affordability, open educational resources, e-books, digital scholarship and staff development.

**Action Taken:** None at this time

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

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**Agenda Item:** Laupus Library

**Discussion:**

Beth reported: A new event- a book discussion series- will begin on April 16. The Library hopes that this event will engage and promote discussion. Previous to this event/series the Library has coordinated a Medical History Lecture series four times a year.

Attendance for the Medical History Lecture series has been good- when faculty is aware of the topics and know in a timely manner they are able to inform their students who attend accordingly. For the current series all speakers will be Academics in the Health Sciences field.

As stated on the ECU Blog:

Laupus Library will launch a new series April 16 titled “Speaking Volumes: A Book Discussion Series Focusing on the Health Sciences.” The inaugural program will showcase a recently published book, Global Health Nursing: Narratives from the Field, and will be held at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16 in the Evelyn Fike Laupus Gallery, located on the 4th floor of Laupus Library. The event is free open to the public.
http://blog.ecu.edu/sites/poeight/blog/2015/04/06/laupus-to-host-new-book-discussion-series/

**Action Taken:** None at this time

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

**Agenda Item:** Dean's Report to the Committee

Discussion:
Jan reported on the status of the new ALS Code of Operations, which is a more inclusive document. Joyner and Laupus have been working on updating their codes and having them approved through Faculty Senate. Due to the need for changes to the ECU Faculty Manual that could not be made during the current academic year, the Faculty Governance Committee suggested that the new updated ALS Code of Operations be approved as a provisional code until the Faculty Manual was updated. Then the ALS Code of Operations could make sure that it is in compliance with the updated manual.

The Joyner code might be recognized first and Laupus would be approved after that point. The new Code discusses contracts that are more than one year. Joyner should be able to renew some fixed term faculty for longer contracts (i.e., more than one year).

Joyner and Laupus are hopeful that in 18 months (3 semesters) the Faculty Governance will be able to make the required changes to the Faculty Manual so that the Unit Code Screening Committee can review and approve their codes. Following that approval, the codes will go to Faculty Senate and the Chancellor.

Provost Mitchelson has approved Open Access Publishing Fund to continue for the FY 2015-2016 year in the amount of $15,000.00.

In support of new publishing models for faculty research, ALS is researching the Open Library of the Humanities in terms of joining and or/ supporting this new model. This can be a well respected place for publishing; (from Jan Lewis’ letter to the committee) 'Duke, Virginia Tech, and West Virginia University are among the libraries that have become partners since the Open Library of the Humanities launched in January 2015.'

Jan: We want to show that we are making changes.

In regards to digital scholarship we (from Jan Lewis’ letter to the committee) 'also want to increase our support for and involvement in digital scholarship at ECU. and in March Joyner Library hosted and co-sponsored ECU'S first annual Digital Innovation and Scholarship in Social Sciences and Humanities Symposium. This is an initial step in growing digital scholarship at the university.'
ALS is planning to recruit for 4 positions and is working on the specific wording for each position. The library plans to post all jobs at once to heighten the awareness that there are new initiatives happening at the library in conjunction with the Director position having recently being filled. These positions include:

1) Application and Design Services
2) Development officer
3) Science Librarian
4) Digital Collections Coordinator

In addition the Associate Dean position is open- the title may be changed- the library is in the process of working on this.

**Action Taken:** None at this time

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

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**Agenda Item:** Scholarly Communications Committee

**Discussion:**
Patricia reported: A new Scholarly Communications Librarian has been appointed: Jeanne Hoover, formerly the Science Librarian at Joyner.

**Action Taken:** None at this time

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

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**Agenda Item:** Open Access Publishing Fund

**Discussion:**
Gail reported: The Fund spent the entire amount that was allocated for Open Access Publishing support. There was a possible overage of $600.00 which the committee hopes will be approved.

Robert asked: who are reputable publishers?

Gail replied: Generally they are the long-standing, recognized publishers in a discipline, and include professional associations.
Jan shared: The resource- Open Library of the Humanities.

For more info see: https://www.openlibhums.org/
and
https://www.openlibhums.org/get-involved/how-you-can-help/

Jan reported: proposal from the UNC Press, which is the press for UNC system not just Chapel Hill, to expand to open education textbooks and multiple other types of materials. The Press has presented a funding proposal to President Ross.

Imre expressed: Online homework for math is more important than online textbooks; old textbooks can be purchased cheaply.

General consensus from Committee: Different needs for online resources will vary from department to department.

Jan shared: There are many textbooks that have been created by faculty at various institutions. Joyner Library needs to find these resources and encourage faculty to utilize what is already out there. Textbook costs are excessive and prohibitive to students.

There are some universities that are encouraging faculty to convert texts to be available online. We need to find what is suitable and useful for our university and also assess interest in ECU faculty developing open textbooks.

Qin responded: It’s a good idea- we should look into the cost, to see if it can benefit the students.

Imre: Talk to the each department may take time.

Qin: Some disciplines are growing faster than others- which one could use the online resources more than others?

Gail suggested: Starting to explore textbooks for the freshman core classes. This might take a couple years to change, but might have the greatest impact because it would affect the courses multiple sections and large enrollments. California has sponsored the development of many online open-access textbooks that might be suitable for introductory courses, particularly in math and sciences.

Qin: Brought up info regarding an App that an ECU student developed to trade/ share books between students- campus wide- students list what books they have- and trade. See article:
or
https://www.facebook.com/thetextchange
Robert: Cengage sells some books chapter by chapter, however students must use the Cengage online viewer to read the chapter and then are only able to print the chapter one page at a time.

Jan reminded the committee: of Fair Use provisions- Could Robert scan that chapter and put it on blackboard instead of having students buy it chapter by chapter?

Jan: Joyner has a pilot project involving course-adopted texts underway and will conduct a survey to assess student satisfaction and find out how many students used the e-book versus the physical textbook.

Qin: Many Spanish classes are required to purchase textbooks that have online homework- i.e. you must buy the book to get the online homework.

Robert: Many print books come with online accessories

Action Taken: None at this time

Assigned Additional Duties to: None at this time

Agenda Item: any ideas or things for next year?

Discussion: None at this time

NEXT MEETING: Fall 2015

See the following online resources/ in regards to textbook affordability emailed to the committee by Jan Lewis after our final meeting of the year (on April 15):

ECU Libraries LibGuide on Open Educational Resources
http://libguides.ecu.edu/oer

College Open Textbooks
http://collegeopentextbooks.org/

Open Oregon State
http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/open/

Open Textbook Library
http://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/

Affordable Learning Initiative
http://www.cpp.edu/~library/ali/index.shtml