COMMITTEE: Libraries Committee

MEETING DATE: September 16, 2015 (organizational meeting)

PERSON PRESIDING: John Stiller

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Imre Patyi, Robert Campbell, 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: Joseph Thomas, Eleanor Cook, Lori Lee

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Elect officers.

Discussion: n/a

Action Taken: Robert Campbell was elected chair. Christopher Rivera was elected vice-chair. Patricia Dragon was elected secretary.

Assigned additional duties to: n/a

Agenda Item: Business carried over from last year.

Discussion:
- Joseph gave background on the Open Access Publishing Support Fund Committee, which evaluates requests for and disburses money from a small fund authors can use to pay open access fees when they publish.
- Beth gave an update on the libraries’ codes, which were revised to reflect the full inclusion of fixed-term faculty in the operations of the libraries, along with resulting new ranks. Joyner’s has been accepted as a provisional code, and Laupus is still progressing toward provisional status.
- Joseph gave background on the Scholarly Communications Committee, which maintains the ScholarShip institutional repository and provides education for the ECU community on such issues as publishing models, copyright, open access, impact factors, and research tools. The Libraries Committee normally provides a representative to this committee. In the absence of other volunteers, Patricia agreed to fill this role, however she indicated that it would be helpful to include someone from outside the library.
- Lisa Beth volunteered to be a part of the Library Space Task Force, which is a group looking at the future utilization of space in the libraries and particularly at offsite storage facilities as solutions. There was no report available from this group.
Robert indicated that the Library Faculty Working Group may ask the Libraries Committee for input on various surveys throughout the year. Robert gave an update on the director searches for the libraries. Jan Lewis has been named the permanent director of Joyner Library. The permanent position at Laupus is still open, and there were no updates on the status of this search.

Action Taken: n/a

Assigned additional duties to:

- Patricia agreed to serve as a liaison between the Scholarly Communication Committee and the Libraries Committee.
- Lisa Beth volunteered to be a part of the Library Space Task Force.

Agenda Item: UX Task Force

Discussion: Eleanor provided an overview of the libraries’ UX (user experience) work over the past year and asked if the Libraries Committee would be willing to be a sounding board for UX issues. The three issues currently being discussed are: Summon (One Search) enhancements including Wikipedia, the library database list, and Blacklight (beta catalog) implementation. Eleanor demonstrated the issue with Wikipedia appearing as a ready-reference tool within Summon. One committee member said that while he doesn’t see the value in including Wikipedia since it is already so ubiquitous, it is not dissimilar to the old practice of looking up general background in encyclopedias before launching into research.

Action Taken: The committee approved of the idea of receiving discussion items from the UX Task Force in advance of the Libraries Committee meetings, with the intention of discussing them at the meeting.

Assigned additional duties to: n/a

Agenda Item: Open Access Educational Resources (OERs)

Discussion: Joseph gave some background on the library’s pilot program with OERs, wherein open access textbooks were purchased for as many classes for which they were available by an acceptable arrangement. See the libguide on OERs at http://libguides.ecu.edu/oer. A presentation on the library’s pilot OER project will be held on October 6 from 11-12 in the Faulkner Gallery. A general presentation on faculty and OERs will be held on November 13 from 11-12 in 1016 Bate. Contact Joseph or Jeanne Hoover for more information.

Action Taken: n/a
Assigned additional duties to:  n/a

NEXT MEETING:  October 21, 2015 3:00 p.m. Joyner 2306

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:  Agenda to be determined.