COMMITTEE: Libraries Committee

MEETING DATE: January 20, 2016

PERSON PRESIDING: Robert Campbell

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

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Roger Russell (for Beth Ketterman), Rick Hernandez, Cooper Kinsey

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Joseph Thomas, William Gee, Mark Sanders, Eleanor Cook

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lisa Beth Robinson, Marcelo Ardon-Sayao

ACTIONS OF MEETING:

Agenda Item: Approve minutes of November meeting

Discussion: None

Action Taken: Minutes approved

Agenda Item: Faculty loan periods

Discussion: Mark Sanders and William Gee, librarians at Joyner, introduced their proposal to revise the Joyner faculty loan period to 180 days with three renewals starting at the end of the 2016 spring semester. The reasoning is as follows. ECU’s Office of Compliance Management has identified difficulties that inhibit the Libraries’ ability to successfully manage our receivables and to comply with Office of the State Controller, UNC-GA and ECU debt collection guidance. They recommended that we change policies to have items returned to the Libraries’ collections sooner, or to begin active collection sooner. Currently, the due date is the last day of spring semester exams with three renewals, which results in the longest possible borrowing period (by far) of any institution in the UNC system. Laupus Library revised their loan period to 90 days with three renewals starting at the end of the 2015 spring semester. Libraries Committee members agreed that the 180 day proposal seems reasonable. They were reassured that even after three renewals (two years), if they bring the book to the circulation desk, they would be allowed to re-check it out.

Action Taken: Committee had no issues with the change which will go into effect at the end of spring semester.

Agenda Item: Library user experience

Discussion: Eleanor Cook from Joyner Library presented some minor changes that have been made recently to the library catalog and the database list. These include terminology changes, for instance changing “login” to “my account,” design changes, such as shading tabs to make them more distinct, and giving the option to order values within facets either alphabetically or by order of prevalence. The committee was in agreement with all the changes presented.
Agenda Item: Executive summary, Joyner Library

Discussion: Joseph Thomas from Joyner Library presented some information about the virtual library budget, which has been used to purchase electronic materials accessed by both libraries. The percentage of the virtual library budget not encumbered by “big deal” e-journal collections offered by major publishers is shrinking, due both to the increasing costs of the big deals as well as library budget cuts. The solution the library would like to pursue is canceling one or more of the big deals and replacing it with more title by title access. Usage data will have to be carefully analyzed and faculty will need to be involved in the process. Committee members indicated that that approach seems reasonable.

Joseph also provided an update on the alternative textbook program. Joyner has received several proposals from faculty who wish to use one of the offered mini-grants to design their own textbook free or nearly free to students. More information about the program is available here: http://blog.ecu.edu/sites/libnews/blog/2016/01/11/joyner-library-alternative-textbook-program/.

Action Taken: In consultation with Joseph, the committee will draft a resolution on big deals to put before the Faculty Senate, hopefully in February.

Assigned additional duties to: Robert will work with Joseph.

Agenda Item: Executive summary, Laupus Library

Discussion: Roger Russell had nothing to report.

Action Taken: None

Agenda Item: Scholarly Communication Committee

Discussion: Patricia Dragon reported that the Scholarly Communication Committee’s first meeting of 2016 will be in early February. Information sessions on the alternative textbook program will be held on Thursday, January 28th at 10:00 a.m. and Wednesday, February 10th at 1:00 p.m. in the Office for Faculty Excellence. There are other upcoming OFE sessions that may be of interest, and everyone is encouraged to check their calendar.

Action Taken: None

Agenda Item: Open Access Publishing Support Fund

Discussion: Al Jones indicated that they are still reviewing requests.

Action Taken: None

NEXT MEETING: February 17, 2016, 3:00 p.m.
ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: Agenda to be determined.