COMMITTEE: Libraries Committee

MEETING DATE: February 17, 2016

PERSON PRESIDING: Robert Campbell

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

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Rachel Becton

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marcelo Ardon-Sayao, Jeni Parker

ACTIONS OF MEETING:

Agenda Item: Approve minutes from January 20, 2016.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: Minutes approved.

Agenda Item: Introduce Rachel Becton, Joyner Library Development Officer

Discussion: Rachel Becton introduced herself. She started in November as the Development Officer at Joyner Library. Plans for the spring include programming for National Library Week, April 11-15, Humans of Greenville partnering with the Human Library event, a veterans event, and increasing faculty and staff giving through payroll deduction. The Music Library renovation going on this summer will have naming opportunities.

Action Taken: She distributed some brochures and asked for help in publicizing the good things that the library does.

Agenda Item: Executive summary, Joyner Library, Jan Lewis

Discussion: Joyner Library is setting up a student advisory group. Mark Sanders, Assistant Director for Public Services, and Heather White, Assistant Director for Assessment and Engagement, are in charge of establishing the group. The first meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 25.

Library faculty did not receive letters in mid-February related to the recent faculty salary equity study. IPAR and Academic Affairs representatives and Beth and I agreed that the model used by the consultant did not work well when applied to Library faculty. Additional analysis will be completed to determine a more appropriate model for the Libraries and it will then be applied to our faculty.

Due to the inclement weather last Friday, we postponed the visit by John McLeod of UNC Press. We are looking at rescheduling on Friday, April 15.

I hope you all saw our February e-newsletter. If not, I wanted to summarize some of our recent initiatives to help bring positive change to the publishing environment and benefit the university community. During the past few months, Joyner Library:
• Joined the Open Library of the Humanities
• Became a member of the DuraSpace community
• Participated in Knowledge Unlatched
• Started the Alternative Textbook Program – we have 13 applications from 12 departments so far. The closing date for submission is March 1.
• Expanded the Course-adopted Ebook Pilot Project

With Laupus Library, we prepared new boilerplate text about the ECU Libraries for use by ECU faculty in grant applications.

Finally, we are planning to administer the LibQUAL Lite survey to students in March. We last administered the survey in 2014 and usually do it on a three-year rotation. We are moving the survey up a year in response to a request from Matthew Rascoff at UNC General Administration, who is interested in longitudinal assessments of library services to online and on-campus student populations. We have those results from past LibQUAL surveys so we will provide longitudinal comparisons to Mr. Rascoff following this year’s survey. The faculty survey will remain on its three-year cycle and be administered in the spring of 2017.

Action Taken: None

Agenda Item: Executive summary, Laupus Library, Beth Ketterman

Discussion: Laupus Library has a number of lectures on medical history and a gallery opening coming up. Check their homepage for announcements. They are also doing a renovation in the stacks and removing six unused ranges of shelving. The print collections are dwindling so much they have fewer than 20 print journals. (Jan added that Joyner has about 400.) Robert mentioned that he has gone to publisher websites to get journal articles, and they recognize he is from ECU and use our subscriptions to get him in.

Action Taken: None

Agenda Item: Big Deals and library budget update

Discussion: Robert, Jan, and Beth will adapt the presentation given by Joseph Thomas at the last Libraries Committee meeting and present that to Academic Council on March 9. They plan to show that maintaining current big deals will require an additional $600,000 in recurring funds, and also to present alternatives. They will submit a report to the Faculty Senate and request speaking privileges for the March Faculty Senate meeting.

Action Taken: The Committee approved of this course of action.

Assigned additional duties to: Jan, Beth, and Robert

Agenda Item: Library user experience update

Discussion: Patricia Dragon presented a request for feedback from the library user experience group. Right now in the library catalog, if an item cannot be renewed, there is nothing listed in the renewals column in My Account. Options for what to put there include “No renewals” or “Can’t renew”. The
Committee preferred something more positive, such as “In person” or “Contact library” or at least making “No renewals” a link to a page explaining options.

The Committee liked the plan to put a link to Course reserves in the top black header line of the catalog.

They also had a positive reaction to design changes recently made on the databases list.

Jan also pointed out the Summon (onesearch) survey in the search box. The faculty on the Committee don’t use Summon very much; our student representative uses it more. They suggested the survey add a demographic question about the respondent’s user group and major, and maybe add Google and Ask a Librarian to the list of options for where people start their research.

**Action Taken:** None

**Assigned additional duties to:** Patricia will relay the feedback to the user experience group.

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**Agenda Item:** Scholarly Communication Committee update

**Discussion:** Patricia had no further updates from this group.

**Action Taken:** None

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**Agenda Item:** Open Access Publishing Fund Committee update

**Discussion:** Al Jones said they had received a good number of applications from a variety of fields, but clustering in medical areas.

**Action Taken:** None

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**NEXT MEETING:** March 16, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:** Agenda to be determined.