COMMITTEE: Libraries Committee

MEETING DATE: March 16, 2016

PERSON PRESIDING: Robert Campbell

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Imre Patyi, Patricia Dragon, Al Jones, Christopher Rivera, Lisa Beth Robinson, Marcelo Ardon-Sayao, Jeni Parker

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Katy Webb

ACTIONS OF MEETING:

Agenda Item: Approve minutes from February 17, 2016.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: Minutes approved.

Agenda Item: UX Study (Katy Webb)

Discussion: The libraries’ User Experience group is planning to redesign the equipment checkout page for better clarity, and they will turn to the Libraries Committee to test it. There were no questions.

Action Taken: None

Agenda Item: Executive summary, Joyner Library, Jan Lewis

Discussion: The library received 37 applications for the alternative textbook program and will be able to award 15 $1,000 grants. The recipients will speak at a forum next spring. The LibQual survey opens 3/21 to students. Saturday 3/19 is the Librarian to Librarian Networking Summit, geared mainly toward school library media professionals. The UNC Press visit by John McLeod has been rescheduled to 4/15 and Jan has sent out an email over ECU official faculty. Many activities are planned for National Library Week, 4/10.

Action Taken: None

Agenda Item: Executive summary, Laupus Library, Beth Ketterman

Discussion: They currently (through 4/22) have a traveling exhibit called Against the Odds, about rural medicine, as well as a photography exhibit. Dr. Horns has said she wants to restart the Laupus permanent director search this summer. The library wants to encourage more use of its model collection
by adding photos of the models to catalog records and creating new ways to find the models on the library website. Beth said that discarded models often go to other units on campus. Lisa Beth and Jeni asked for the School of Art and the School of Theatre and Dance to be on the list of departments that may get offered models being discarded.

**Action Taken:** None

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**Agenda Item:** Big Deals and library budget update (Jan Lewis, Beth Ketterman, and Robert Campbell)

**Discussion:** At the last Faculty Senate meeting, Robert read an introduction and referred Senators to a letter in their packets from Beth and Jan, explaining the unsustainable rise in cost of “big deal” journal packages and the decision to pursue cancelling Elsevier Science Direct, replacing it with selected individual subscriptions and ILL. The Senate had several questions about title lists, and obtaining articles. The list of titles to which we would still subscribe and those that would be canceled are not available yet. A LibGuide is available about the proposed changes at http://libguides.ecu.edu/journalchanges. Jan and Beth met with Academic Council last week to make a request for $600,000 in recurring funds to continue the big deal. No decision was made, and it is possible that the library may receive at least some of these funds. Forums are planned on 4/15, one on each campus, to hear from faculty on this issue.

Committee members asked if other libraries had had to break their big deals. Jan said that she knew of two others who had cut Elsevier, including Mississippi State, who wrote a useful article about their experience and the results of their decision. Many more had cut Springer, although this does not save nearly as much. She agreed it would be worth checking around the Carolina Consortium to see what others were considering. She shared the slides that she and Beth presented to Academic Council.

Committee members asked whether it was possible that faculty would have to pay for ILL. Jan said this was not being considered right now, but we would have to see what the net effect of the cut would be on ILL requests. Hopefully we could avoid this.

**Action Taken:** None

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**Agenda Item:** Scholarly Communication Committee update (Patricia Dragon)

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

**Action Taken:** None

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**Agenda Item:** Open Access Publishing Fund Committee update (Al Jones)

**Discussion:** No updates.

**Action Taken:** None

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**NEXT MEETING:** April 20, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

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