COMMITTEE: Libraries Committee

MEETING DATE: February 15, 2017

PERSON PRESIDING: Al Jones (chair)

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Patricia Dragon, Eric Horsman, Al Jones, Heather Muise

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jonathan Lee, Roger Russell

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Approval of minutes from 18 January 2017 meeting

Discussion: n/a

Action Taken: Motion to approve the minutes the minutes as distributed. Seconded. Approved unanimously.

Assigned additional duties to: n/a

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Agenda Item: Library status reports

Discussion:

- Dragon (Head of Special Collections Cataloging) reported on the status of Joyner Library.
  - The alternative degree alternative textbook program may help students reduce their time to degree completion by lessening the financial burden and ensuring access to course materials from day one of class. On Feb. 14 and 15, we held two panel and information sessions on using alternative textbooks and resources in the classroom. ECU faculty who participated in the first Alternative Textbook Program talked about their experiences using free texts and/or library materials as their textbooks for their Fall 2016 course. Applications for the 2017-2018 program are available on the Alternative Textbook Program website: https://lib.ecu.edu/scholcomm/alternativetextbook.aspx. Program participants will receive a stipend and library support to replace their current textbook with open resources and/or library materials. Dr. Tracy Tuten, Marketing, and Dr. Jennifer Valko, Foreign Languages & Literatures, presented at the first session. Dr. Carol Goodwillie, Biology, and Dr. Karen Mulcahy, Geography, Planning & Environment, presented at the second session.
  - Joyner Library has one construction project underway currently, and another one slated for later in the spring. Roof repairs began January 30, and should be completed by the end of the spring semester. The contractors are using ladders near the loading dock, so access to the library’s main entrance is not affected. They are trying to do their noisiest work before 10AM. When this project is finished, it should stop leaks that have been threatening library collections on the 3rd and 4th floors.
In March, construction of new compact shelving will begin in the Joyner basement. Compact shelving, which rolls open to permit access to the materials and closes to conserve space, will more than double the capacity for storing printed materials in the basement. To make room for the compact shelving, some microfiche and microfilm titles (in duplicate format or for which alternative resources exist) will be removed. The microfiche and microfilm cabinets are also being moved to new locations in the basement. There will be two phases of construction. The first phase will add 3 sections of new compact shelving, after which we will need to shift materials. The second phase, scheduled for May after commencement, will add a 4th section of compact shelving, which is being relocated from an area of the basement, which needs repairs. Altogether, these new compact shelving units will allow storage of more materials in the basement in a more efficient manner. An email went out on ECU Official about the construction projects on Feb. 8.

- Russell (Assistant Director of User Services) reported on the status of Laupus Library.
  - From February through April 2017, the Library will host an exhibit entitled “Desegregating Healthcare in Eastern North Carolina.” Additionally, from March through May 2017, the Library will host an exhibit of wood furniture made by faculty member Dr. Joseph Chalovich.
  - Demographic data was recently collected from patrons. These data are now being analyzed.
  - Work (core drilling) will soon begin to install electric outlets in a number of cubicles.

**Action Taken:** n/a

**Assigned additional duties to:** n/a

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**Agenda Item:** New business

**Discussion:**
- Dragon brought up several in-development topics.
  - The equipment loan page on the Joyner Library website has been revised and updated.
  - A new discovery service will be implemented in the coming months. A draft of the new interface will be shown to Committee members at the 15 March 2017 meeting.
  - The Alternative Textbook Program is accepting applications through 15 March 2017. Successful applicants will receive a $1,000 stipend to help them implement open textbooks, library subscription materials, and other free materials into their syllabi for the 2017-2018 academic year.
- Jones reports that the Open Access Publishing Committee continues to receive and review applications on a rolling basis. This program has been quite popular.

**Action Taken:** n/a

**Assigned additional duties to:** n/a

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**NEXT MEETING:** March 15, 2017 3:00 p.m. Joyner 2306

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:** TBA