COMMITTEE: Libraries Committee

MEETING DATE: September 20, 2017 (organizational meeting)

PERSON PRESIDING: John Stiller

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Patricia Dragon, Eric Horsman, Heather Muise, Shannon Powell, Lisa Beth Robinson

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Al Jones, Beth Ketterman, Jan Lewis

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lori Lee

ACTIONS OF MEETING:

Agenda Item: Elect officers.

Action Taken: Lisa Beth Robinson was elected chair. Heather Musie was elected vice-chair. Eric Horsman was elected secretary.

Agenda Item: Assign representatives to other committees.

Action Taken: Jones volunteers to serve as representative to the Open Access Publishing Fund Committee. Jones volunteers to serve as the representative to the Scholarly Communications Committee. Robinson is liaison to Special Collections Committee.

Agenda Item: Zero textbook cost initiative.

Discussion: Lewis made the Committee aware of an initiative to add a designation in the University Course Catalog for courses with zero textbook costs. This topic is under discussion in the Admission and Retention Policies Committee. Lewis provided minutes from the 28 Aug 2017 meeting of that committee, in which this topic was discussed. Discussion in this Libraries Committee meeting resulted in several questions. For example, how can a designation such as this be kept current with changes in the course catalog, instructor changes, etc.? Is more information about courses actually helpful to a significant proportion of students during enrollment? Will affordable textbooks affect student retention? Have any other universities adopted a similar designation and what impacts have resulted?

Action Taken: We will discuss this matter further at the next meeting.

Assigned additional duties to: Committee members will enquire with colleagues about this matter.

Agenda Item: Library discovery service

Discussion: Lewis reminded the Committee that planning was underway during the previous academic year to switch the library discovery service to EBSCO. However, NC LIVE recently decided to provide ECU (and other NC LIVE member libraries) with 5 years of free access to the
Agenda Item: Joyner status report

Discussion:
- Lewis (Director of Academic Library Services) reported on the status of Joyner Library.
  
  **Budget updates:**
  - $167,272 enrollment increase funds. All added to Virtual Library budget per agreement of Joyner and Laupus directors.
  - Non-recurring funding: $15,000 for graduate student lounge (relocated to Room 1020 to allow for expansion of Pirate Techs location in Joyner); $200,000 for Science Direct subscription; $15,000 for Open Access Publishing Fund

- **New hires:**
  - John Baga, Assistant Music Librarian
  - Rebecca Tatterson, Electronic Resources Librarian
  - Samuel Chen, Data Services Librarian

- **Coming soon:**
  - Big Data & Analytics, ECU & SAS partnership; REDE initiatives

NEXT MEETING: October 18, 2017 3:00 p.m. Joyner 2306

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: Agenda to be determined.