

COMMITTEE: Libraries Committee

MEETING DATE: 1/15/2014

PERSON PRESIDING: Robert Campbell

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Chris Oakley, Qin Ding, Imre Patyi, Robert Campbell, Patricia Dragon, Jennifer Valko

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Agenda Item: Update on change to librarians' tenure-track status (Lewis)

Discussion: Jan confirmed that it appears there will be no exceptions to the rule that librarians may be hired fixed-term only from now on. It is not clear what language will be used in the dean search, or even if the position will continue to be a dean. She clarified that the ALS code allows her to change the title of any faculty member in the library so she is able to appoint internal individuals to new positions without them having to give up tenure, although salary changes are not within her control. Jan said the working group to craft the new codelike document for the libraries is scheduled to be appointed at a meeting on Jan. 27, and noted she had forwarded several names for this group to the Provost. Beth reported that Dr. Eakin has done the same.

Action taken: Beth will check to see if the Laupus code allows the director to appoint faculty to new positions.

Agenda Item: ALS Dean's report (Lewis)

Discussion: The Faulkner Gallery construction should be done soon. The opening reception will be 5pm on Mar. 20, featuring an exhibit on Eastern North Carolina in art. Other events this spring include faculteas on Jan. 29 (NC coastal atlas), and Feb. 19 (Anthony Kennedy). On Feb. 3 John Steen will give a lecture on the Stuart Wright collection. The Joyner Annual report is done and is in the process of being distributed.

We received the feedback from Academic Council on our response to the External Review report. They praised our outstanding customer service, and indicated that further collaborations with Laupus, and more strategic focus in Special Collections are needed. It is doubtful we will be able to pay for an automated storage and retrieval system anytime soon, however the Library Space Task Force will go forward. There is no need for formal joint strategic planning with Laupus since it's happening organically.

Action taken: None.

Agenda Item: Laupus director's report (Ketterman)

Discussion: There is nothing new to report on the search for a new director. Laupus is sound financially for the current year.

Action taken: None.

Agenda Item: Faculty survey (Lewis)

Discussion: The survey has been approved by the survey oversight committee on campus. Jan shared a copy of the survey questions from 2011 and welcomed comments. ITHAKA now offers a service to administer its survey and allow you to benchmark against others, although it costs \$7500 while ours is free.

Jennifer asked how survey results are used. Jan responded that we look at whether satisfaction levels are increasing, whether there are problems. We see what new services are interesting to people so we can prioritize. For example, we decided to offer service to scan items in house on basis of a survey, and also will begin a book delivery pilot. We derive bagging points that can be used in various places, and data for the SACS report. Chris asked if we get enough responses to be useful. Jan said yes, last time we had 350 usable responses. The survey is also a marketing piece to raise awareness of services.

Action taken: Committee members send comments on questions to Jan by Feb. 10. Mark up a printed copy and mail or send comments by email. Jan said she would ask Dr. Eakin if he is interested in administering the survey, and if so we can use ECU official to send it out. At survey time, committee members will be asked to help publicize the survey.

Agenda Item: Scholarly Communication update (Lewis)

Discussion: Joseph Thomas has suggested he give a presentation to faculty on MOOCs and copyright, maybe the end of March. We currently teach 1-2 MOOCs. What is the committee's reaction to this?

Jennifer asked about plans for faculty education on assessing scholarly impact such as (Orchid, Research Gate, ReachNC...). She suggested that he address different audiences differently such as humanities and sciences. People want to know how this can benefit me.

Jan suggested that a session on teaching students about fair use might also be useful? Several committee members said there might not be warrant for a MOOC session right now, and a fair use session might be more popular. Classes that use blogs might be especially interested in fair use rules.

Jennifer suggested that Joseph get together a list of a few scholarly communication topics he thinks might be interesting to faculty, and committee members could informally poll people in our departments.

Action taken: Robert will ask Joseph to get together a few suggested topics.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by Patricia Dragon.