LIBRARIES COMMITTEE MEETING

Date of meeting: February 18, 2004

Place and time: Joyner Library Admin. Conf. Rm. 3:30 p.m.

Person presiding: Ann Schreier

Regular member in attendance: Salman Abdulali, Ann Schreier, Marianna Walker, Ed Wall, Thomas Douglass, Dori Finley, Susan DelVecchio, Kevin Gross

Ex-officio members in attendance: Dorothy Spencer, Carroll Varner

Others in attendance: Deana Astle, Stephanie Dubose, David Durant

1. The minutes of the meeting of January 21 were approved with amendment:
Dori Finley from Human Ecology rather than Health Education. Line 2.
2. Welcome new members to the committee – Susan DelVecchio replacing Jonathan Wacker; Kevin Gross replacing Harrell Allen.
3. Old Business:

   • Discussion of Libqual was postponed until an unspecified future date.
   • Deana Astle reported on Scholarly Access. She has scheduled Liaison meeting between subject librarians and department representatives during the first week of March. Invitations sent out Feb 20. Four meetings M-Th from 11:30-1 @ Joyner Conference Room. These meetings will be focused on the interchange between faculty and library liaison – some time devoted to SFX and faculty department needs. Abdulali suggested an invitation be sent to BioStudies.
   • Dorothy Spencer discussed the idea of University Repository for faculty publication and research insisting on its workability with a URL open architecture.
   • David Durant provided information packets to the committee and presented background surrounding the Scholarly Access issue. The information packets included some examples of websites that explain and demonstrate the success of online publication and storage.
   • Astle provided historical overview of the problem of scholarly access, which began in the 1960s. When large commercial publishers were taken over by larger companies specializing in information packaging. Elsevier, for example.
   • Ed Wall inquired about budgetary matters surrounding Distance Education and how that is related to scholarly access. Funding for the Virtual Library, for instance, comes from revenue generated by DE.

4. New Business:

   • Spencer suggested a trial run for BioMed Central with help from Dr. Gemperline. Possibly an 8-10 week run so a decision of acceptance can be made. 90% of coverage is biological sciences and medicine. No copyright transfer needed.
   • Reasons for faculty reluctance to adopt online access were reviewed – pressure to publish in traditional publications, habit, & “academic culture.”
   • Douglass inquired about peer review standards and Spencer/Durant addressed those concerns insisting that the Open Access Journals are following the Peer Review Model.
   • Spencer suggested an ECU advocacy website for Open Access publications, perhaps incorporate the Faculty Senate website.
   • Schreier charged Durant with the task of creating a website for this purpose.
   • Kevin Gross inquired about computer use statistics and the Open Access model. The question was deferred until Jeff Coghill could address that subject at a later meeting.
Spencer will follow-up with BioMed Central to see how the system might work, asking that tenured faculty members submit to the online journal to test acceptance and the process. She also offered to invest $5000 to temporarily fund the trial period, until July 1st.

5.) Announcements:

- Spencer announced the experiment of free document delivery for Nursing and Allied Health Sciences has been put hold after spending $13,000 on the project.
- Founders Week activities include “One Healthy Life” program at the Learning Village dedication and video program at The Country Doctor Museum, Walter Pories’ “Why History.”

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2004; 3:30 in Joyner Libraries Administration Conference Room

Submitted by Thomas Douglass