Libraries Committee Minutes for the Meeting of January 18, 2006

Joyner Library Administrative Office @ 3:00 pm

Marianna Walker presiding.

Regular members in attendance: Salman Abdulali, Susan DeVecchio, Thomas Douglass, Marianna Walker, Michael Duffy, James Wirth

Ex-Officio members in attendance: Jan Lewis (for Darryl Davis), Dorothy Spencer.

Also in attendance: Jeff Coghill, Beth Winstead

1.) Minutes for Nov. 16th 2005, meeting approved with minor editorial correcs.

2.) Jan Lewis reported for Darryl Davis:
   - Joe Gaddis reallocated funds to replace library security system and to remove satellite dishes from the roof of the library.
   - Virtual library experienced dramatic budget increase since its inception in 2002-03 – from 312K to 1.4 million in 2005.
   - Virtual Library Budget presented and explained (w handout attached).
   - Budget was enhanced by enrollment increase and DE funds. The increase is divided thusly: 30% to Joyner; 20% to Health Sciences; 50% to the Virtual Library.

3.) Walker asked about shared acquisitions between Health Sciences and Joyner Library.

4.) Wirth questioned the wisdom of heavy reliance on electronic acquisitions (that is, purchasing temporary access to electronic databases) versus actually buying and owning resources.

5.) Lewis suggested a possible new direction for acquisitions could be online books, e-books, and audio books.

6.) The committee agreed to re-visit the time table and manner for presenting the library budget to the Faculty Senate.

7.) The committee also agreed to postpone a discussion of the “Findings and Recommendations” for Joyner Library prepared by contracted Library consultants until Darryl Davis or the New Director could be in attendance. Some issues that need resolving – Government Docs reduction and the need for a Human Resources position (that won’t be filled until a New Director is named).

8.) Walker reported on the Search process for a New Director for Joyner Library.
   - Marianna Walker is a member of the Joyner Library (ALS) Search Committee.
   - An invitation to Dorothy Spencer was extended to attend Search Committee meetings, as a non-member but in an advisory capacity.
   - Two university-wide forums have been organized to collect opinions from the university committee about the Director’s position: (February 1 – 4-6 pm and February 7 – 11:3-1:30 pm in the Joyner Library Admin. Conference Room).
   - The Search-Firm Consultants are the Hollander Group.
   - All hiring is frozen until the new director is in place.

9.) Dorothy Spencer reported for LAUPUS.
   - A recent Director’s Symposium suggested a list of issues facing the new director: Institution Politics, Changes in Information Technology, Personnel, Budgeting, and Fund-raising.
   - There is a delay in the move of Allied Health to the new Med library until May 15, 2006.
Bids to library moving companies to go out in March.
Book stacks have been ordered and the furniture has been contracted.
Measuring use and document delivery are still issues for health sciences.
Suggested organization of a University Research Council to look Document delivery fees (F & A's)

10.) The Committee agreed to invite Dr. Deidre Mageean to the next Committee meeting to discuss the libraries involvement with the proposed University Research Week.

11.) The Committee agreed to defer all other business until the February meeting:
   a.) Text changes about the library for the Faculty Manual and the Undergraduate Catalog.
   b.) Goals of the Libraries Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Submitted by,

Thomas Douglass, secretary

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