

Revised

COMMITTEE: Libraries Committee

MEETING DATE: September 20, 2018 (organizational meeting)

PERSON PRESIDING: Jeff Popke

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Patricia Dragon, Eric Horsman, Colleen Janeiro, Heather Muise, Shannon Powell,

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Beth Ketterman, Jan Lewis, Margit Schmidt, Noah Shuler

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lori Lee

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Elect officers.

Discussion: n/a

Action Taken: Eric Horsman was elected chair. Heather Muise was elected vice-chair. Colleen Janeiro was elected secretary.

Assigned additional duties to: n/a

Agenda Item: Assign representatives to other committees.

Discussion: n/a

Action Taken: Horsman and Powell volunteer to serve as representatives (one from each campus) to the Open Access Publishing Fund Committee. Dragon volunteers to serve as the representative to the Scholarly Communications Committee. Muise volunteers to serve as the liaison to the Special Collections Committee. Horsman volunteers to serve as representative to Faculty Senate (as he is already a Faculty Senate representative).

Assigned additional duties to: n/a

Agenda Item: Joyner status report

Discussion:

- Lewis (Director of Academic Library Services) reported on the status of Joyner Library.

Blackbeard Traveling Exhibit

- Blackbeard at 300 – Family Fun Day
Saturday, October 20th, 10:30am – 1:30 pm in Joyner Library
Opportunity to view Queen Anne’s Revenge exhibit, as well as free kid-friendly activities

Lunch with your Librarian

- Hosted on August 14 for new faculty. Successful, positive energy, and engaged faculty!

Budget updates (mostly taken directly from Lewis' email):

- Enrollment and total student credit hours at ECU were down this fall. Under the new funding model, cuts are imposed the same year as the decline, so ECU will have a permanent budget cut of about \$5 million for FY2019. The cut for Academic Library Services is \$63,000.
- We did receive a one-time allocation of \$110,000 to replace the front doors to the library. The project will take about six weeks, so it will be scheduled to begin after the spring semester ends in early May.
- The Virtual Library fund is underfunded by about \$600,000. By using endowment income, which has been cautiously managed over the last few years, and other sources of one-time funding, we have determined that we can commit to new three-year licenses with several of our largest e-journal vendors. If sufficient permanent recurring budget increases are not provided to the Virtual Library by FY2022, serious cuts will have to be made to e-journals subscriptions and other library resources.
- Textbook affordability: Our textbook affordability programs continue to help students succeed while saving them money. Potential student savings exceeded \$350,000 in 2017-2018. This fall, nearly 150 classes will have access to free online versions of one or more of their required texts, thanks to Library purchases of ebook versions of the books. 45 faculty members from 23 departments have participated in the Alternative Textbook Mini-Grant program since 2016. It will continue this academic year, while we also participate in a new statewide initiative called Open Education North Carolina. This NC LIVE initiative aims to reduce the cost of textbooks in 30 of the most frequently-taught college courses across North Carolina's 2 & 4-year colleges and universities through the creation and adoption of free, open textbooks. Open textbooks ensure a level playing field, with access to all students on day one. They can also be updated more frequently and customized to include relevant examples and assignments.

Faculty and Graduate Student Surveys

- 80% of faculty are "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with the ECU Libraries' physical space
- 86% of faculty are "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with the ECU Libraries' website/online presence
- 94% of faculty are "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with the ECU Libraries' services
- 95% of faculty are "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with the ECU Libraries' staff interaction/customer service
- The highest average rating on the graduate student exit survey – 4.6 - was for "Effectiveness of online library resources for your learning experience."

Action Taken: n/a

Assigned additional duties to: n/a

Agenda Item: Laupus status report

Discussion:

- Ketterman (Director of Health Sciences Library) reported on the status of Laupus Library.

Analytics Hub

- Originally planned for Laupus, it was not funded. They have formed a task force to use the space for student needs. Task force should have report to Ketterman by end of November.

Budget

- No budget increase, despite the 5-7% increase in journal subscription prices.

Hours

- Laupus is currently not open 24 hours/day, while Joyner is 5 days/week. However, there are issues with parking on main campus at the moment for students who have parking stickers for the health campus. This may be an issue beyond the library alone, but impacts students trying to study who have to leave Laupus and relocate to Joyner.

Medical history interest group series continues

Action Taken: n/a

Assigned additional duties to: n/a

Agenda Item: Zero textbook cost initiative.

Discussion: Discussion about zero- and low-cost textbook initiatives continues. We may want to see if something between \$0 and no designation (such as “low cost”) would be possible. It seems it is not a binary situation for most faculty. Allowing students to know the designation prior to registering would be of use to the students as well.

Action Taken: n/a

Assigned additional duties to: While none have been officially assigned to any members, all members have been discussing with colleagues (at ECU and elsewhere), and bringing information back to share.

NEXT MEETING: October 17, 2018 3:00 p.m. Joyner 2306

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: scholarship value in fee-for-publication open-access journals (Horsman to follow up with David Loy regarding memo from John Stiller about the concern of open-access journals that may charge a fee for publication and/or be considered predatory).