

Minutes - Libraries Committee Meetings

3:00 pm, Wednesday, 16 January 2019

Room 2306, Joyner Library

Attendance: Colleen Janeiro, Patricia Dragon, Heather Muise, Jan Lewis, Eric Horsman, Tom Shields, Caitlin Ryan, Margit Shmidt, Shannon Powell

1. Approval of minutes

Motion: Muise, Second: Shields
Approved

2. Joyner Library report (Lewis)

- Good response to brochure. Adobe Spark version will be posted to ECU Announce
- New science librarian (Amy Curtis)
- Digital collection strategist starts in Feb (name to be released soon)
- Searches for faculty positions (one in Teaching Resources Center and one in Special Collections)
- New faculty lunch in January (new), nice to enable deeper conversations. About 15 showed, but all from main campus.
- new student research award: one \$1,000 award for a paper or digital scholarship project based on the Senator Robert Morgan Papers. Senator Morgan was instrumental in getting ECU university status. Will be posted to ECU official
- The Friends of Joyner Library annual banquet and silent auction will be April 2 at the Greenville Hilton. Margaret Maron is the speaker.
- Sheppard Memorial Library's used book sale 1/31-2/3 at Greenville Convention Center
- School of Art and Design graduate student art reception
- Feb 14 - group study room dedicated in Joyner (will be after the Laupus dedication)
- Caitlin asked if anyone was concerned with the numbers going down, since the student center has opened so close to Joyner. Jan said it hasn't yet, but they are OK with redirecting non-study groups to the student center

3. Laupus Library report (Ketterman)

- 2 open positions
- Spring lecture series: <https://hsl.ecu.edu/events/mhig-lectures/>
- Feb 14 - group study room dedicated

4. Evaluation of Scholarly Productivity (Horsman)

- Eric passed out draft guidelines that he had expanded after the last meeting. Is looking for feedback and suggestions from the committee.
- Tom asked about distribution of the guidelines might work? We think it may eventually go from us to unit heads to faculty

- Eric has looked into whether other UNC schools have anything similar but didn't find anything. Jan will follow up to see if there are any with other head librarians
- Patricia pointed out that open access doesn't immediately mean it's predatory
- Tom asked if we need to state that? (no solid answer)
- Eric has two works-in-progress for the committee to edit.

5. Old business

- None

6. New business

- Jeff Popke emailed about universities stepping away from contracts with the publishers that charge exorbitant fees (*Jan also emailed about this)
- Jan explained that we belong to Carolina Consortium - all public and private colleges in North and South Carolina - but not all pay for all packages(i.e., Chapel Hill didn't participate in the Carolina Consortium's Elsevier license agreement. Under their separate agreement (and based on their historical spending with Elsevier), they pay double for the same content we get). Discussions are ongoing about not undercutting the consortium, but for some there are able to customize whom gets what (i.e. Wiley).
- They are typically 3-year packages with *very* stringent out-clauses. The out-clause for Elsevier was that the UNC president would need to declare ECU was on the verge of financial crisis.
- Re-enrollment in the contracts will happen soon. Using different funding sources (including endowment), will be able to, but eventually we will have difficulty maintaining this.
- Will need to figure out priorities for individual subscriptions, and see what other systems are doing so we can get the best deal outside the list deal.
- If ECU's research continues to flourish, then the library should be able to get some of the F&A monies to pay for the journal packages.
- Increase in cost per year is about 4%.
- Moving forward: thinking about open-access, raising awareness about what is open access, raising awareness of the faculty of what is available.
- Some key discussions: Heather pointed out that before her degree in library science, she did not know the work behind the guides
- Caitlin pointed out that many of us upload papers to BB that are used in courses. A friend of hers pointed out it's not tracked; maybe a 1-page resource on how to best help the library - include why this is important, how it's pricey, and it helps to get an idea of what *is* used to distribute to faculty would be helpful (several of the committee members do this and never thought about it!).
- Tom asked if it matters if they look at it online vs. downloading it? Jan thinks viewing full text counts.
- Eric asked, aside from making the usage statistics closer to true, if more people were aware of resources and cost, what can I (a single faculty member) do to help? Publish in open-access? Jan's response was to put publishings into institutional repository

- Tom asked if we get more into open access journals, would it free monies? Jan replied that getting serials into control will help.
- Heather asked if there a new student to replace Noah, since we understood there would be and thought it was great to have student representation/input. Eric will follow up.

7. Adjourn

Ryan moved to adjourn, Powell seconded