

COMMITTEE: Libraries

MEETING DATE: October 21, 2020 3:00 PM

PERSON PRESIDING: Tom Shields

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Buzzelli, Shields, DeJesus Toderick, Lee, Harmon, Pokhrel, Haller, DiMartino, Tatterson

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lewis, Ketterman

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Baker, Chen, Goldberg

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item:

Academic Library Services (Jan Lewis)

With the Alumni Association and University Advancement, ALS is planning a Town Hall for Dec. 3 to provide updates about how the library has dealt with the pandemic and future plans. The outsourced conservation work on the Moseley Map is nearing completion. We expect it to be shipped back in mid-November and hope to video its receipt and reopening, possibly to show at the Town Hall.

ALS is buying out JSTOR annual access fees permanently. This will reduce annual recurring fees by about \$32,000 and thus potentially relieve some budget pressure and provide space to support open access and sustainable publishing initiatives in line with our values. We are investigating the buy-out option with other companies. ProQuest does not offer it, but they will let us redirect some of the annual access fees toward another product. In lieu of about \$21,000 in annual access fees, ProQuest will provide AVON, a streaming video database, with a requirement to subscribe for at least two years, then the reduction in annual access fees will be permanent with or without the subscription to AVON. This makes budgetary sense for us to do and helps meet the ever-increasingly need for streaming video content, so we are proceeding with this arrangement and plan to have AVON active for spring semester.

ALS hired a new employee in the Circulation / Interlibrary Loan Department to replace T.J. Dudley as Technology Manager. Erin Gray started yesterday. We are in the process of filling a vacant position in Interlibrary Loan.

Lewis also shared the tentative ALS plan for a projected 10% budget cut for FY2022. Although it has been protected from many budget cuts in the past, under this proposal the Virtual Library will be cut along with other ALS budgets.

Discussion

Shields raised the question How is decision made what to cut from the Virtual Library budget? Jan, Beth and Joseph Thomas will meet to discuss which individual subscriptions library will place following the cancellation of the Elsevier Freedom Collection. Laupus will continue the ClinicalKey package subscription which includes numerous titles that are also in the Freedom Collection.

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Laupus Health Sciences Library (Beth Ketterman)

Student health services is going to be proactive in testing for COVID-19 on the health sciences campus. Laupus will not be performing any screening process for patrons entering the building at this time.

Laupus has lost both Brody School of Medicine liaison librarians recently to retirement and resignation. Beth has requested approval to fill one of the positions.

A position at the County Doctors Museum was lost that will affect hours of operation.

Laupus is extending hours during exam hours and through break.

An author recognition ceremony will be held virtually on Nov 12th.

Annual unit reports were reviewed by strategic review committee and in the future will report on grant seeking opportunities.

NEXT MEETING: November 18, 2020

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: