

COMMITTEE: Libraries

MEETING DATE: February 17th 3:00 PM

PERSON PRESIDING: Tom Shields

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Harmon, De Jesus Toderick, Lee, DiMartino, Haller, Tatterson

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ketterman, Lewis

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Baker

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Chair's Report—Tom Shields

At their monthly meeting with the Chair of the Faculty, Puri Martinez, the University Committee Chairs had the chance to introduce themselves and their committees to the incoming Chancellor, Dr. Philip Rogers. Because of time constraints, we were limited to one or two main items that the committee is/has been dealing with. I noted the fiscal sustainability report we are discussing today along w/ journal subscription issues, especially the Elsevier Big Deal. He was online from his current office at the American Council on Education and was able to point out his office window to their neighbors at the Association of Research Libraries, whom he has worked with. Dr. Rogers' response made it clear he is very aware of the Elsevier and related issues.

I talked with *East Carolinian* reporter Breana Sapp about the Elsevier Big Deal today. She's set to talk with Jan. Look for an article coming up soon.

Agenda Item: Joyner Library—Jan Lewis

ALS obtained an exception from the hiring freeze for one fixed term faculty position - the Research & Instructional Services department head position. The position was posted last week and an external national search is being conducted. We received approval from Academic Affairs today to proceed with internal options for filling the head of service position for Music.

On Feb. 12, the Board of Trustees, following the lead of its Athletics and Advancement Committee the previous day, decided not to act on the recommendation of the interim chancellor and the Building Names Ad Hoc Committee to remove the names of Joyner, Jarvis, Cotten, and Fleming from campus buildings. The committee requested that a recommendation of standards to apply to building name removals be provided to them by March 31. To see the memos from the interim chancellor that were shared with the Athletics and Advancement Committee, go to <https://board-of-trustees.ecu.edu/wp-content/pv-uploads/sites/121/2021/02/Athletics-Advancement-Public.pdf>. It is important to remember that our unit is Academic Library Services. "Joyner" technically only refers to the building although it has sometimes been used as the unit or service name. Over the past

year, we have intentionally used “Academic Library Services” more often in our communications and plan to continue to do so. ALS plans to conduct a diversity audit of the art, portraits, and other materials displayed in its physical spaces and then to take actions to ensure that we present a welcoming and inclusive environment for everyone.

Joseph Thomas, Beth and I are on the agenda for the Feb. 23 Faculty Senate meeting to provide an update on Elsevier subscriptions and access.

Agenda Item: Laupus Health Sciences Library-Beth Ketterman

In the final stages of interviewing for the BSOM Liaison Librarian position. Love Data week is going on now through February 19th.

New Business:

a) Libraries Working Group (University Fiscal Sustainability Coordinating Committee) 1) Draft Report Discussion

Beth Ketterman shared charge of the committee and how efficiencies have been met since last looked at. The committee reviewed each section of the Libraries working group report and provided feedback. It was noted that the toll on library staffing and budget has been significant over the years. Consistent feedback from students and faculty indicates the importance of having two physical spaces, one on the Health Sciences campus and another on main campus. Findings from the October 2020 Ithaka S+R research report called “Academic Health Sciences Libraries: Structural Models and Perspectives”

<https://doi.org/10.18665/sr.314248>

were shared noting certain important findings such as autonomy of library directors in these roles and the importance of sharing expertise of the main campus library. Other items shared in the FSCC report were library budgets, Org charts, shared services and ideas for further collaboration. The report was approved by acclamation and will go to the University Fiscal Sustainability Coordinating Committee for review.

NEXT MEETING: March 17, 2021 at 3:00 PM

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: