

COMMITTEE: Libraries

MEETING DATE: April 21

PERSON PRESIDING: Tom Shields

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Shields, Tatterson, Buzzelli, Lee, Haller

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lewis, Di Martino, Chen

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

ACTIONS OF MEETING

March minutes approved.

Tom Shields:

Fiscal Sustainability Coordinating Committee overall seemed to approve of report submitted by Libraries Working Group

Agenda Item:

ALS Director's report, Jan Lewis

ALS will move to summer hours on May 7. These will be posted on the website soon. We are planning to resume 24/5 hours in the fall, if allowed by university and public health guidance.

Our hotspot lending program was also popular. Unfortunately the 35 Verizon MHS900LS hotspots that we purchased through ITCS were subject to a recall because of the possibility of overheating. They are being returned to the vendor who will send replacements. The timeframe for that isn't known yet.

We received lots of positive feedback on our National Library Week activities. Thanks to those of you who submitted quotes for that project.

Photos from the library's 2016 "Beyond Bricks and Mortar" exhibition and oral history project are currently on display in the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center in the Main Campus Student Center through the end of April. The project explores the history of the African American community anchored by the Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church, which once stood where Greenville's Town Common is now located. The photographs and personal stories featured illustrate that a community is much more than the bricks and mortar used to construct its buildings.

Just a reminder that the ECU Libraries provides funding for authors through the Open Access Publishing Support Fund. We also partner with publishers to support open access for authors and researchers. Currently, we have established agreements with Cambridge University Press, The Company of Biologists, Sage Publishing, Annual Reviews, SCOAP³ and Public Library of Science (PLOS). ECU Libraries is one of only two universities in the state to have an institutional membership with PLOS.

On April 16, I spoke to the UNC Faculty Assembly about OpenUNC [openunc.org], a new portal that highlights and advances open research practices, open access publication methods, open dissemination of research outputs and open educational resources. OpenUNC was developed by the UNC University Library Advisory Council to help open UNC research to the world.

The 17th Annual Paraprofessional Conference, hosted by the SHRA Assembly of Academic Library Services, will be held on May 11th-13th. The theme is Technology & Cyber Awareness.

Thank you for your service on the Libraries Committee this year. It has been a pleasure working with you all.

Discussion:

The Friends of the Library virtual meeting will be held May 13th at 5pm. Jan will send invitation to committee

Agenda Item:

Director's report, Laupus Library (Beth Ketterman)

- Beginning May 7, Laupus will begin our summer schedule of hours which are posted on the website. The Operations Team will take a close look at budget in relation to this year's gate count to make decisions for the fall semester hours of operation. The amount of budget cut we absorb for FY22 will have a direct impact on the ability to staff our service desk.
- The Interlibrary Loan department at Laupus, just like at ALS, is tracking requests for Elsevier articles so that the libraries can make data informed decisions about future subscriptions in the wake of the ScienceDirect big deal cancellation that went into effect in January.
- The Fiscal Sustainability Coordinating Committee draft reports were issued to campus Friday afternoon. Some of the higher-level reorganization of academic units would have a major impact on Laupus Library's reporting structure, and on the Division of Health Sciences as a whole. I suspect the committee will discuss this further in the fall when the campus knows more about the outcomes of these recommendations.
- Laupus's hot spot lending program for students has been very successful this year, and the Medical and Health Sciences Foundation has directed additional funds to continue lending for another year. Laupus is also adding more devices for loan to ECU employees. If you need a hot spot for any short-term need, please consider borrowing a device from the library. There is no fee, and these hot spots work with the Verizon network.

Agenda Item:

Libraries Committee Annual Report

Annual report was discussed and approved by acclamation

NEXT MEETING:

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: