

Library Committee

Date/ Time: 2/3/21 @ 1:00 pm

Location: Zoom

Attendees: Andrew Croll, Andrew Stark, Alicia Laferriere, Estelle Leclerc, Guiping Yan, Hallie Pritchett, James Nyachwaya, Joe Mocnik, Kim Owen, Lindsay Condry

Absent: Jeffrey Chen, Danling Wang

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the 12/4/20 meeting were approved as written.

AGENDA ITEM: Dean Mocnik – State of the Library

Budget: Dean Mocnik reported the Libraries is on target to meet the necessary budget cuts by the end of the fiscal year. With reenrollment down for this semester, the mandatory student fees paid for by students will decline. Dean Mocnik reported the Student Government has recommended inflationary increases to the mandatory student fees using the Higher Education HEPI index scale. This proposal is sitting with the President Bresciani at this time.

Operational: Dean Mocnik reported the main Library is continuing to be utilized to a good extent and is remaining open to students with normal operating hours.

- Hallie Pritchett shared the 2020 statistics of usage prepared for this meeting. The areas discussed included Reference and Instruction, Special Collections, Online Resources with the top five data bases outlined, User actions in Primo Searches, website use, and institutional repository use.
 - Gate counts were requested and will be provided separately. Hallie indicated study room status could be pulled as well.
 - Discussed research productivity on campus and whether or not there is a correlation in Libraries stats. Joe indicated that no comparison has been done with numbers from the department of Research and Creative Activity.

Tri-College Libraries: Dean Mocnik reported the Libraries is co-sponsoring a virtual professional development workshop on 2/9 and 2/10 for Library staff on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. To date there are approximately 250 individuals registered for event.

Campus Strategic Prioritization: Dean Mocnik recently met with Heron Consulting as a part of the campus wide strategic prioritization process.

Marketing: Lindsay Condry shared the following upcoming Libraries events and information:

- New Exhibit has been installed. This exhibit lead by the Black Student Association on campus is titled, Black America – The Story We'll Tell. The installation will be up for the remainder of the spring semester.
- Gunlogson Presentation. This is an annual presentation and will be held virtually on March 25. This year's researchers are from the Landscape Architecture Program.
- Leo Kim: A virtual event is scheduled in April.
- Friends of the Libraries: Communication with the new Friends of the Libraries continues. Joe reported that we currently have 60+ members and thanked the committee for their involvement in Giving Day.

Survey: Hallie Pritchett reported that the Libraries Assessment Committee is ready to launch the 2nd LibQUAL survey next week on 2/8/21. This survey will be sent to a random group of faculty, staff, and students and is run through the Association of Research Libraries. The survey will be open through 3/12/21.

AGENDA ITEM: Questions/Concerns from Units

No questions or concerns noted.

AGENDA ITEM: Future Leadership for Committee

Andrew Croll shared he will be leaving the Library committee at the end of the spring semester. A decision will need to be made by the next meeting on who will take over as chair.

- An overview of the committee's responsibilities was shared. The basic responsibility of the committee is to formulate policy recommendations for the Libraries.
- Andrew indicated he felt it may be better to by-pass the student senate and email students directly to get an undergrad and grad student involvement.
- There are no terms limits.
- The chair position is a good opportunity to practice leadership skills.
- Self-nomination is acceptable.
- Dean Mocnik indicated his willingness to meet with anyone who may potentially be interested in leading the committee.

AGENDA ITEM: New Business

There was no new business.

Adjourned at 1:45 pm
Minutes recorded by Robin Hellman
Approved 4/22/21
