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Minutes of the Library Operating Staff Advisory Committee (LOSAC)
Meeting – May 16, 2012
1:30 P.M.
Room 409

Present: Nancy Adams (LAC Representative), Stacey Bivens (Secretary), Pat Galvan, Tina Maxwell, Annie Oelschlager (Vice-Chair), Brian Prall (Chair), Jessica Williams (Historian)

I. Old Business

Approval of minutes

The minutes of 04/19/2011 were approved.

Archival Review

The committee reviewed and approved the following LOSAC documents to be archived in the Regional History Center:

Agenda 04/19/2011; approved with change of venue (room 55) noted
Minutes 04/19/2011

E-mail Updates

Good-bye and best wishes to Rebecca Martin, Mitra Mohabbat, and Debbie Turner.

II. New Business

Department Heads Meeting

The Dean shared his thoughts on the budget crisis. Tenured librarians will no longer receive travel money, although there will be money available for non-tenured librarians to travel. It was also mentioned that cutting down on the number of phone extensions in the library could save some money. It was mentioned in the LOSAC meeting that departments could get a phone with multiple handsets. Paul Allanson and Mitra Mohabbat's positions will be given back once they are vacant, and Microforms and Maps will become part of the Government Publications department. Acquisitions is cutting two positions for give-back, losing five altogether. There will be a serials cut; journals will be switched from print to online where available, and those journals not used will be canceled. The University of Illinois Urbana/Champaign is getting Primo. The Dean polled the department heads group regarding whether or not the library really needs an Associate Dean for Public/User Services. The answer was yes.

LAC Meeting

The LAC met Friday, April 20, 2012, which was the last LAC meeting of the 2011 – 2012 academic year. CARLI has made the VuFind interface easier to work with. It will take 12-24 months to see the results. Serials cuts were discussed. Ideally, the budget should be in a 60/40 ratio, serials to monographs. According to Nancy Adams, that ratio will be closer to 90/10 by next year. It was announced that the Provost has accepted the withdrawal policies established last year.

Annual Report

Annie Oelschlager brought up the fact that LOSAC's annual report is due by August 31. The committee also talked about the upcoming LOSAC election. The election process will begin in July.

Meeting adjourned at 3:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacey Bivens
LOSAC Secretary