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Minutes of the Library Operating Staff Advisory Committee (LOSAC)
Meeting – August 21, 2013
1:30 P.M.
Room 409

Present: Margret Abbott, Ron Barshinger, Stacey Bivens (Secretary), Teresa Jacobsen (LAC Representative), Tina Maxwell, Annie Oelschlager (Vice-Chair), Brian Prall (Chair)

I. Old Business

Approval of minutes

The minutes of 07/17/2013 meeting were approved.

Archival Review

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

Agenda 07/17/2013
Minutes 07/17/2013

Elections

Here are the results of the LOSAC election: Ron Barshinger is the User Services representative, with Gary Weishaar as alternate for that division, and Kristen Lash is the Technical Services representative, with Ginger Prothero-Schwersenska as alternate for that division.

E-mail Updates

There were no e-mail updates.

II. New Business

Department Heads Meeting

The meeting took place on August 20, 2013. Dean Dawson discussed some of the recent actions that President Baker has taken. There has been a recent Deans Retreat where ideas were exchanged. What was revealed is that, for the most part, NIU needs to think bigger and be bolder, and this is the direction that Pres. Baker wants to go. Enrollment is down again this year, and Pres. Baker wants to focus here. He wants the university to look beyond the region for recruitment. He also wants to finally hire a Spanish speaking Latino/a recruiter.

Pres. Baker has also stated that NIU will finally have more transparent budgeting. FY14 is apparently going to be the same as FY13, so that's good news, although we are being asked to save in reserve that 2% cut, just in case.

Senate Bill 1900 just passed, which will require that public institution of higher education shall develop an open access to research articles policy (<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocNum=1900&GAID=12&DocTypeID=SB&SessionID=85&GA=98>). We will have an Open Access week in October, and Senator Biss will visit Oct 25th. You will probably see a lot about this. Dean Dawson has submitted names to the Provost for a task force that will develop this policy.

Joe Thomas said that the new windows PCs will be rolled out soon—they are testing a few more things. Once those tests are done, the PCs will go out department by department, starting with Technical Services. They will also upgrade Windows on the public computers, though not the computers themselves.

Student Home folders will no longer live on Novell after a time, and will instead live on Windows. Systems is still working this out, and they will provide documentation on this later. This won't affect student while they are working here at the library, but it will cause some headaches and frustration to students trying to access their personal work from a certain place.

293/297 computers and equipment are nearly all upgraded. Some drastic changes in how things work now—everything is working through the computer.

TJ Lusher discussed the new reporting rules regarding social media that have been handed down (specifically pertaining to social media affiliating itself with NIU—Facebook pages, YouTube accounts, etc). These reporting rules are particularly onerous (reporting every Like, every comment, screen grabs of all comments, etc), but rather than pull out of social media completely, the Systems office has decided that they will take the responsibility of taking care of the reporting for the social media (though, of course, they will not be creating the content). They will be co-Administrators for Facebook pages and for blogs, and they will find something to take the place of YouTube. The new website is in Phase I. A usability person is looking at it. We are moving from HTML to DRUPAL.

Stacey Erdman discussed how the Power Grant is currently in the testing phase. Matt Short, Nathan Books, and Stacey are working on their work flows.

Jana Brubaker says that a search committee will meet soon to start working on replacing Cason Snow.

Room 81 is almost ready.

Matt Short and Elizabeth Cribbs will do a presentation on RDA for non-Catalogers on Sept. 17th.

Lynne reported that RBSC added 2 major collections. She also discussed OA week events.

Nestor discussed the New Faculty forum later this week.

Annual Report

The LOSAC annual report has been completed. A copy will be given to Dean Dawson to read and, with his approval, the report will be distributed to the rest of the operating staff.

LAC

There was no LAC meeting.

LOSAC meeting adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Bivens

LOSAC Secretary