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Minutes of the Library Operating Staff Advisory Committee (LOSAC)  
Meeting – January 15, 2014  
2:00 P.M.  
Room 409

Present: Margret Abbott (Historian), Ron Barshinger (Secretary), Kristen Lash (LAC Representative), Tina Maxwell (Vice-Chair), Annie Oelschlager (Chair).

## **Old Business**

### **Approval of minutes**

The minutes of November 20, 2013 were approved.

### **Archival Review**

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

Agenda	11/20/2013
Minutes	11/20/2013

### **E-mail Updates**

There are no e-mail updates at this time.

## **New Business**

### **A. Department Heads Meeting**

Department Heads Notes, Dec 11, 2013\*

- All requested positions have been approved except for one in Technical Services.
- The move in Tech Services will happen in the spring 2014.
- Legislation affecting pensions has been granted. It will likely head to the court system on constitutionality grounds.
- Jana Brubaker will be on sabbatical from January 1, through May 15, 2014. She will be involved in the librarian/cataloger search. Technical services have been struggling with electronic resources workflow, and are working on improvements.
- There will be an announcement that CARLI will follow a dual track for its ILS. There will be an RFP, and they will also pursue an open source software solution. There will be an upgrade to Voyager 9.0 in the summer.
- Sarah McHone-Chase mentioned about the move of the newspaper collection, the Braille/large print/audio books, and setting our calendars in Voyager for the break.

- Ete Olson received cancellations of standing orders from nearly every department. Periodical subscriptions will be reviewed next.
- Stacey stated that the POWRR team will meet with board and staff members at CARLI to discuss how the consortium can participate in digital preservation. They will meet with representatives from the Honors Program today to discuss putting capstone projects on Huskie Commons. Stacey Erdman and Beth McGowan will present to the College of Health and Human Sciences on Huskie Commons, I believe early next year.
- The Open Archives Task Force was made official. That means that the meetings are officially open. Two open access publications have approached the library to ask the library to pay a lifetime fee allowing faculty to publish without paying an author fee. At this time, Library Administration would rather pay individual author fees because we don't yet have the open access publishing volume to justify paying the lifetime fee.
- SCOAP3, a high energy physics publishing consortium , has a plan to make their top journals open access.
- Regional History is working on a backlog right now.
- The Code of Conduct passed. She also said that she needs names of student workers for the READ posters, and she would like a surplus of those, ASAP, so that she has a working list for the next few months.
- TJ stated that the Strategic Planning Task Force is all named except for the graduate student. Because of that hold up, that task force probably won't meet until January.
- TJ has reached out to the ETRA Department about possibly getting grad students to do a usability study/assessment of our web site.
- Rosanne Cordell contacted ITHAKA (<http://www.ithaka.org/>), and inquired about including the NIU Libraries in a study of student library use.
- The Operating Staff evaluation procedure in the library will be reassessed.
  - 1) There were four applicants for the librarian/cataloger position which ended the interview process this morning. All applicants were well qualified and interviewed well.
  - 2) The LOSAC meeting for December 18, 2013 was canceled.
  - 3) A concern was brought to LOSAC about how to get periodicals from the Math Library for interlibrary loan requests. Ron will follow up on this question.
  - 4) Faraday Library isn't located on the library website. Ron will follow up on this question.

The next meeting will be on February 19, 2014.

LOSAC meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Ron Barshinger  
 LOSAC Secretary