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Minutes of the Library Operating Staff Advisory Committee (LOSAC)
Meeting May 21, 2014
1:30 pm.
Room 409

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

Old Business

Approval of minutes

The minutes of April 23, 2014 were approved.

Archival Review

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

Agenda	April 23, 2014
Minutes	April 23, 2014

E-mail Updates

Cherie Hauptman will be retiring as of June 1, 2014.

New Business

Department Heads -, May 13, 2014

- A. Patrick stated that we are still waiting to hear from the State about what our budget will be. One hold-up is whether the income tax will be extended (this would be beneficial to us). He also said that we'll probably see another decrease in student enrollment this fall (most universities are reporting something similar). Finally, he reported that all hiring now has to be approved higher up. The Library submitted 8 positions, and those were approved to be hired, but we still have to find the funding to hire those positions (we have only gotten the permission to hire them, that is, not the money). Hiring will be done in priority order.
- B. TJ (and Joe) reported that the Windows 7 updates are very nearly done. They also said that 3M came in yesterday and did an update on our self-check machine—now, apparently, the monitor for that machine has a touch screen. TJ says that now that the University has a CIO, we have had a lot more contact/communication with IT, so we have been floating ideas that way now. We just found out that we have a University-wide Adobe Connect license, in case that means anything to you. TJ also discussed how we will have another OA Week in October this year. Lorraine Haricombe will be coming back to be our keynote speaker, and they are lining up some other speakers as well. Finally, TJ mentioned that there will be an Assessment Task Force that will be forming sometime soon.

- C. Nestor reported that the Search Committee recommended 2 candidates for the Information Literacy librarian position. The 1st candidate has apparently been contacted—Patrick says that the paperwork is at the Provost's office and at HR. Nestor has also been updating some of the handouts at the Ref Desk.
- D. I mentioned the survey that I created to assess the Reserves website (we distributed this to faculty who have used the website). I also reported that Lynne Smith was coming back.
- E. Rosanne discussed how we all be receiving badges soon, on lanyards, which identify us as employees of the library. She passed around a mock-up of the badge. She also mentioned that she still wants items for the newsletter, so please get those in to her ASAP, if you have anything.
- F. Ete discussed the new CARLI PDA program. She also said that CARLI had some extra money at the end of the year, so we will be getting CINAHL Complete for a whole year. In addition, Ete said that the hires down in Cataloging are all moving very fast down in their training. She also reports that Jana will be back on Monday. However, Hao will be gone now, for a while, on a book-buying trip (I think), and his employee, Joanna, is away on maternity, so SEA will not really be open for a bit (there is a student worker, but with limited hours). When Hao returns, he will have Burmese librarians that he will be working with.
- G. Mike reported that Sherry is back. He will also be hiring many new students for the fall. The Music Library will have new hours for the summer, as it will be open on Fridays. He mentioned that Lynne Thomas has been nominated for 2 Hugos. Finally, he said that Faraday is getting some new paint and blinds.
- H. Cindy will also be hiring new students. Her GA is also moving on. She is getting a new crop of interns, too. The staff of the Archives just got the opportunity to document the inside and outside of Douglas Hall before it is torn down.
- I. Sharon reported that the work on Student Lounge will probably start this week. The new furniture for the lobby on the 1st floor will arrive later this month, and other furniture for other parts of the Library will arrive probably in June.

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Dean Dawson

*There is no concept of what FY15 will be like other than that there will be a budget cut.

*The Administration is in the process of gathering the data from the Bold Futures workshops, so there will be a lot of changes coming.

*The new leadership is doing strategic hiring, so the library is beginning the staffing plan for the next 2 years.

Roseanne

*The library is currently conducting interviews for a new information literacy librarian.

*There was a story on the front page of the Daily Chronicle about the signing of the Declaration for the Right to Libraries. The attendance for the event was estimated to be around 70.

TJ Lusher

*The digital projects have reached one tenth of one petabyte, or 102.4 terabytes. We are currently ingesting about 50GB per month.

Sharon Nelson - Open Access Week

*The theme will be "You are Here, " referring to where Open Access is now and where it is going in the future. There will be a treasure map for the graphic.

*Some events may fall outside the dates of OA week because of speaker availability.

*Senator Durbin was contacted and the committee is awaiting a response.

*The committee is looking to get other campus departments involved.

*One of the panels being discussed is a panel of faculty who have received OA grants.

*The committee is also looking to coordinate with other groups. For example, the Friends of the Library are having an event the same week.

*The committee is also considering an evening event to encourage student attendance.

TJ Lusher - Strategic Plan

*TJ distributed a survey to the LAC to gather feedback to help with the strategic plan process. They also have an online survey, which Ete will send out to the department chairs.

This was the last LAC meeting of the semester. The next meeting will likely be the third Friday of September.

C. OTHER

Annie will ask our representatives from the Strategic Planning Committee (Brian Prall and Nancy Adams) for an update on that committee.

Kristen and Ron will be responsible for getting the elections material ready for the next year elections.

The next LOSAC meeting will be on June 18, 2014.

LOSAC meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Barshinger
LOSAC Secretary