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Minutes of the Library Operating Staff Advisory Committee (LOSAC)
Meeting June 18, 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 May 21, 2014 were approved.

Archival Review

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

Agenda	May 21, 2014
Minutes	May 21, 2014

E-mail Updates

Kathy Sherman will be retiring as of June 30, 2014.

New Business

Department Heads
June 10, 2014

Patrick began by discussing how we still do not have any news from the state about our Fiscal situation. If the Income Tax expires in January, as it is currently set to do, that will represent a significant loss to higher education. We also know that enrollment will down in the fall, but we don't know by how much until the 10-day mark after the semester begins. There is reorganization in HR, in Procurement, and in Accounting—the University is looking for efficiencies. Eventually, programs could be combined. Patrick also reports that due to the recent Court decision regarding retirements, unless someone received their certificate from SURS, they can rescind their retirement.

TJ discussed the testing of Shibboleth (an off-campus authentication method)—this is a pilot project. Her department is to be working with Reference and Research on this project. She also discussed Tightrope—a digital display application that will be used in the Lobby. TJ also talked about wanting to create a web advisory committee, ad hoc, at least for this year—she's given the charge to Patrick.

Patrick mentioned that CARLI will announce the steering committee for the successor ILS to Voyager soon.

TJ says she and Patrick have approached the new CIO to discuss having an IT position to assist with help desk for public terminals and functions like this. Working with Joe, they have created a proposal that

would move some of the IT staff into the building to assist with issues like help desk for public terminals and the like (Obviously, not Reference questions). Again, this is just a proposal. More on this later when there is more information to give.

TJ also reports that Adobe e-reader is to be placed on all computers so that we can take advantage of the CARLI e-book program. We also all have Windows 7 now. In addition, the entire campus is covered by a Microsoft license, so the University plans to take advantage of that. We will all be moving away from Groupwise to Outlook for email, and we will be getting a new IM, too. This will happen by fall of 2015. By this fall, IT plans for us to have a new address for our IP so that we will be behind a firewall (NOTE: this is important to IDS for Odyssey purposes, at least—maybe other reasons, too).

Sarah McHone-Chase reported on Cherie's retirement and the recent survey on Reserves. Cindy mentioned the SAA workshops (a conference they are hosting currently on campus). Jana said that she is catching up from her sabbatical and that the Basement Transfer Project is now completed. She said that a new hire in Cataloging is working with Matt on Metadata. Mike mentioned that Hao got a big grant from the British Library—congrats to him!

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Information about the strategic planning committee is on BlackBoard.

Kristen and Ron will be sending out the elections ballots and mail them out to the operating staff.

The meeting with the Dean will be on June 18, 2014 at 2 pm in the Staff Lounge. There were two questions set for the meeting. 1) door in dock area is left open instead of being locked 2) civil service pay for library employees as compared with the rest of the state in those positions.

Towers magazine will be digitalized and available online. Groupwise will be replaced by Outlook in the near future. Cherie Hauptman position has been given permission to fill.

Rollover money that has been designated for "special projects" can be rolled over into 2015 budget.

The next LOSAC meeting will be on July 16, 2014.

LOSAC meeting adjourned at 2: 00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Barshinger
LOSAC Secretary