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Minutes of the regular meeting of the LOSAC committee

Wednesday, October 15, 2014

1:30 p.m.

Founders Memorial Library, Room 411

Present: Ron Barshinger (Chair), Kristen Lash (Vice-Chair), Stacey Bivens (Historian), Teresa Jacobsen (Secretary), Brian Prall (LAC Representative)

I. Old Business:

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of 9/17/2014 were approved.

Archival Review

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

1. Agenda 9/17/2014
2. Minutes 9/17/2014

E-mail Updates

None.

Staff Concerns

Birds

Concerns were raised on the number of birds hitting the library's windows. On review, the administration feels at this time the number of birds hitting the windows would not warrant the expense of purchasing window strike decals/diverters, (although we know of no official count on how many birds hit the windows) or pursue other alternatives. Although a year-long occurrence, Stacey added the bird migration seasons of fall & spring most likely see a higher number of bird-window collisions. Item will be tabled until Spring 2015.

Library Staff Salaries

The Dean is still awaiting a response from Rhonda Wybourn, NIU Human Resource Services, regarding salary discrepancies for NIU civil service library employees in comparison to other state university libraries. The Dean will continue to make attempts in contacting her on our behalf. Item will not be tabled until a response is received.

Other

None.

II. New Business:

Department Heads Meeting, October 14, 2014

Dean Dawson:

The Dean has forwarded the draft of NIU's Strategic Framework to library employees. He encourages everyone to review document, discuss & decide how the library fits into the Triangle Map.

There are currently three possibilities on what may be done with the area on the North side of the Lower Level: 1) A 24-7 student space. 2) A MakerSpace, a community-operated workspace where people with common interests, (e.g., computers, technology, etc.) can meet and collaborate. 3) Technology store, possibly like an Apple store. All these require money, campus buy-in, and, for the last idea, corporate buy-in. None of the ideas are in the forefront, and the project is at a standstill because the University has not assigned a lead architect and there is no one who can surplus the items in Room 81. On the plus side, we do have the money for the architect portion.

At this time we do not know when the pit on the north side of the building will be done.

We have not had to give back any of our budget, but it still represents an 18% loss due to inflation.

The vacant Music Librarian position formerly held by Mike Duffy is already being advertised.

TJ Lusher:

The ITS people are working on printing and other issues. Smart Classrooms (Rm 293 & Rm 297) are currently working. G: and V: drives should be fine. Please let them know if you notice something.

We have received permission to hire a Drupal (a content management system) programmer. This is a civil service position.

TJ Lusher and Theresa Paulson will attend a Cascade workshop next week. Cascade is related to Drupal.

Open Access week is next week (October 20-23). Opening keynote will be given by University of Texas at Austin Vice-Provost Lorraine Haricombe (this starts at 11:00 a.m.). Illinois State Senator Daniel Biss will be part of an open-access panel/discussion Thursday, Oct. 23. See all events and times from the link posted on the front page of the library's website.

Lynne Thomas:

Faraday's renovations are nearly done; painting is complete, flooring is not.

Room 409 renovations are ongoing. Special Collections is now deciding what will go in there.

Lynne will be traveling extensively in the next 6 weeks.

The Friends of NIU Libraries is hosting Fantasy Fiction: Ask the Real Wizards panel discussion in the Rare Books Room Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 7:30 p.m. It is in conjunction with the Big Read program sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest. It is free and open to the public.

With Mike Duffy now gone, Elizabeth Cribbs will be working at the Music Library until a new music librarian is hired.

Jana Brubaker:

Acquisitions is busy ordering.

We have just finished adding over 3,000 records from the Huber Collection into Voyager for Special Collections.

Cindy Ditzler:

Thursday, October 16, 4:30-6:30 p.m. is the grand opening reception of the new exhibit "You Are What You Eat: Cookbooks as Ingredients to Shape Identity and Community". Curated in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the University Archives, the exhibit will be on display on the First Floor of the library until Saturday, November 15.

Rosanne Cordell:

Requesting newsletter items ASAP; would like to publish this week.

Nestor Osorio:

The Outreach Librarian position has been posted. Deadline to apply is November 15.

Attended a meeting with Larissa Garcia about NIU Plus, and submitted a proposal regarding where UNIV 105 could fit in, and have already received responses.

Gate count for stats week was 16,000.

We had a table at the Sept. 23 Majors Fair at the Holmes Student Center and at the MidSemester Check held in the Barsema Alumni & Visitors Center, Sept. 30-Oct. 1.

Sarah McHone-Chase:

We are updating Circulation policies.

We are down 2 positions in IDS, and, as a result, plan to hire an additional student worker for now.

LAC Meeting, September 19, 2014

Election: New chair is C. Sheldon Woods (Literacy and Elementary Education).

Dean's Report:

We are proceeding with the assumption that our FY15 budget will be the same as the FY14. The outcome of the Governor's election will affect the University's budget.

Rosanne Cordell—We have added a desk in the reference area for a Library IT staff person, who is sharing it with a DoIT staff person to provide technology help to students and staff. Around the middle of October, DoIT Contact Center operations will move into the library into a space we are providing. This year, we will choose a desk at which librarians and IT staff will be together, and additional furniture for the area to make it a collaborative work space for students and faculty.

TJ Lusher—DoIT is also moving their software distribution person to Founders. We are in discussion with Print Services to have their staff and most of the printers on the west side of Founders move to the reference area.

Patrick Dawson—Remodeling has taken place on the 4th Floor to give Rare Books/Special Collections additional storage space. I asked Angie Bollinger (Facilities Planning & Operations) to look for 25,000 sq. ft. of storage in the DeKalb-Sycamore area. It would be used for trade publications, which would free up space in Founders for Rare Books/Special Collections and Regional History/University Archives. We add about 55,000 unique items to the collection each year and are running out of space for them.

POWRR Update

Stacey Erdman—The IMLS grant funding POWRR is nearing its end. It provided 4 institutions with funding to study how public institutions could preserve materials produced on their campuses without extraordinary capital investment. They have produced a white paper on their testing activity and results, which is already being widely read. Stacey is traveling to Australia to present their findings, and others have

traveled to Spain, Norway, and Washington, D.C. Workshops and articles have resulted from this project. An application for a grant has been submitted to continue the workshops, and UIUC suggested a partnership to apply for a grant for a statewide digital preservation initiative.

OARAA Update

Patrick Dawson—There will be a resolution asking faculty to deposit articles after their embargo period. A survey of faculty received 167 responses, some of which were reviewed. It was suggested that individual faculty may need consultation to work through the steps they need to take to deposit their work in the NIU Institutional Repository to make their work Open Access.

LOSAC October Annual Meeting with Staff

Ron will check the availability of the Staff Lounge for October 28 or October 30. Once the room has been reserved, Kristen will send out email to library staff with the details.

LOSAC Constitution Review

Committee will begin reviewing the document at next month's meeting.

Other

None.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:50 p.m.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled November 19, 2014 at 1:30 pm, in Room 411.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Jacobsen, Secretary