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## LOSAC Minutes 2015-06-17

Library Operating Staff Advisory Committee

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Minutes of the regular meeting of the LOSAC  
committee

**Wednesday, June 17, 2015**

**Founders Memorial Library, Staff Lounge**

**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 5/22/2015 were approved.

**Archival Review**

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

1. Agenda  
5/22/2015
2. Minutes 5/22/2015
3. Program Prioritization communications

**E-mail Updates**

- Kurt Westoff's last day was Monday, June 16.

- Diana Grace & Cliff Golden's official last day is Tuesday, June 30. A retirement reception in their honor is taking place Wednesday, June 24, 1:30-2:30 in the staff lounge.
- Zachary Effler starts Monday, June 22 in Technical Services.

## **LOSAC Elections**

LOSAC nomination ballots of eligible operating staff should be distributed and sent out by the last week in June. Candidates are needed to fill two open positions for the 2015-16 term (one position from Collections & Technical Services and one from Public Services/ADM/Regional History/Technology Initiatives & Support Services). Since they are returning committee members, Stacey Bivens & Teresa Jacobsen will be conducting the election.

## **Other**

### **Historical Sketch of the University Library.**

Teresa submitted draft to the committee of an historical sketch of the library for the library's homepage. Thanks to Cindy Ditzler for providing us with significant historical narrative as a starting point.

## **II. New Business:**

### **Meetings Substitute**

Since Ron will be on vacation, Kristen will attend the July 14 department heads meeting and chair the July 15 LOSAC meeting in his place.

### **Library Standing Committees**

Per Dean Dawson's request, LOSAC will send out a communique to library operating staff asking for volunteers to serve on appointed standing committees in the library for 2015-16. Those committees are: FLA, Exhibits Committee, Preservation Committee, the Walker Library Work Scholar Selection Committee.

### **Dept. Heads Meeting, June 9, 2015**

- **Dean Dawson:**
  - We still have no state budget and still anticipating a 20% cut from the state.
  - Due to the state's budget woes, CARLI will:
    - Discontinue NISO membership (Founders has their own NISO membership), the Purchase on

Demand Project (even though it was successful), and the eBook Patron Driven Acquisitions Pilot Project.

- No longer be able to support the Internet Archive.
- Probably raise dues.
  
- There will be no more CARLI grants.
- CARLI has been paying for the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, the *Oxford English Dictionary* & SFX. It will continue to pay a percentage of the cost for three more years and then each institution will have to pay 100% of the cost.
- Travel money uncertain for next year. Since the state has essentially banned out-of-state travel, all travel money will have to come from the library.
- The standing faculty search committee will be eliminated. Search committees from now on will be formed on an as-needed basis.
- Student applications are down for the fall semester.
  
- **TJ Lusher:**
  - Members of the Personnel Committee will serve as test subjects for the Digital Measures Initiative. They will be using software that facilitates faculty activity reporting. It can also be used for student course evaluations and we may use it for the Annual Service Report. Other colleges may also use it to gather accreditation information.
  - We are getting a printer for Disability Services.

- **Lynne Thomas:**

- Received a \$25,000 grant to build, promote, and preserve the Science Fiction Collection.

- **Rosanne Cordell:**

- Library faculty fines will no longer go through the Bursar's Office. If it becomes necessary, fines can be withheld from paychecks.
- Ruth Carlson is retiring from Hoffman Estates. The employee who currently works at night will take over her position.
- The Strategic Planning Committee has been disbanded. A new one will be formed to implement and monitor the progress of the library's strategic plan.

- **Sarah McHone-Chase:**

- Martha Ryan has been hired for the serials borrowing position. They will be hiring someone for the book borrowing position that Brian Prall will be vacating later this summer.

- **Sharon Campbell:**

- By mid-June, there will be a new test for the Library promotional line. People who are on the register as a result of the old test will be notified about taking the new test.

- **Cindy Ditzler:**

- The curator of manuscripts position has been offered and tentatively accepted.
- The Regional History Center has received a \$7,000 gift to be used any way they see fit.

A retirement reception will be given for Cliff Golden and Diana Grace on June 24, 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the Staff Lounge.

## **Other**

May 7, 2015 NIU Operating Staff Council minutes:

<http://www.niu.edu/osc/archives/minutes/2015/OSCMayMin2015.pdf>

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Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:06 p.m.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2015 in Room 411.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Jacobsen, Secretary