University Libraries Committee
Minutes
April 20, 2011

Members Present: Mary Thigpen, Judy Russell, Isabel Silver, Brenda Smith, Reggie Frye, Vernon Kisling

Also Present: Lela Johnson (taking minutes)

Members Absent: Guenther Hochhaus, David Leavitt, Kevin Ecdes, Christopher Vallandingham, Leda Kobziar, Tiffany Smith Stacy Galloway, Terry Harpold, Mario Poceski

I Minutes Approval - Brenda

March minutes were not available for approval at the time of the meeting

II Dean’s Report - Judy

a. Budget

Currently there is no new information on the budget. The library or the University of Florida won’t receive further information about the budget until about mid-May. Judy said she can email the group with detailed results of the budget and what actions we will be taking, she can also invite everyone to the next Town Hall meeting. The Academic Dean’s meeting is May 15, 2011 and will not know anything until after that.

Do we want a May meeting? It was decided that we would do a doodle pool regarding setting up a special budget update meeting in May.

b. Year End Spending

Carry Forward will be used to cover the projected shortfalls in the materials budget. Purchasing these materials only defers the budget decrease and our loss of spending power for the following years.

c. Federal Funding/Institute of Museum and Library Services (Library Services and Technology Act)

LSTA Grants-Libraries all over the state can put in proposals to receive grants; which we have put in 4 proposals for.
1. Hernando County Historical Digital Newspapers project
2. Jewish Digital Newspaper project
3. St. Augustine [450 anniversary as a city, 500 year history of discovery of Florida] Historical Material Digitization

In assuming there is money, each of these address different projects that we would have liked to had done anyway.

d. Tech Fees Proposals

1. Purchase of Netbooks for student loaning at Library West
2. Discovery Tools/Cross publishing search tools
   a. Question: How does this differ from Web of Knowledge? Judy answered that it incorporates what Web of Knowledge doesn’t licenses, boarding the search for students/faculty.
3. GIS Labs at Marston Science Library/Data Visualization Lab

We will not know if we’ll be funded for any of these projects until next week. The decision is being made by the students.

e. National Endowment for Humanities Challenge Grant Program

Only one proposal can be submitted per University. A general call was sent out to all the colleges at the University of Florida and the libraries were the only ones that responded with their application, so we will be submitting our proposal. You can ask for up to $500,000 and you have to match it $3 to $1, so we’re committing to raising $1.5 million for which we will then receive an additional $500,000 from the Federal Government. These funds can be placed into an endowment to be an investment that we can get a return year over year. We are currently in the process of writing this proposal that we must submit to DSR [Division of Sponsored Research] by next week and then a few weeks after that it’s submitted to NEH. We should have an answer on if we’ll receive this grant by Fall 2011.

The proposal is to work on digitizing Architectural Archives from the past and for the future.

Question: How will we raise the money? Judy said that the funds would come from donors.

Question: Is there a place on the library website that gives updates? [http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/funding]
f. Open Access - Isabel

- 39 applications, 40th is in the mail
- 55 very unique offers
- Funding has gone to 16 different publishers
- 27 specific journals titles
- 23 departments on campus from colleges like CLAS, Museum of Natural History, Dentistry, Engineering, IFAS, Medicine, PHAP, Pharmacy and Vet Medicine.
- Spent or allocated about $48,000 with a $120,000 to spend in the next two years.
- 126 faculty or students have benefited from this.

Judy said that having this fund makes it easier for faculty to contribute to Open Access not having to worry about funding it out of their own budget. Judy said that we do publish several OA journals across the campus, but we have the most dominant open access publishing software which FCLA hosts on their servers. We do not know if we’ll host it on our servers anytime soon.

g. Coral Reef Project at Marston Science Library

Science & Art project displayed at Marston. Judy invites the group to visit the library to view this exhibit. [http://guides.uflib.ufl.edu/crochetreef](http://guides.uflib.ufl.edu/crochetreef). Vernon updated that they are also teaching how to crochet as well.

h. E-book projects

1. Whole state university system where collectively we are contributing about $120,000 where all of us will have in our catalog e-books that have been pre-selected that meet certain parameters. If someone finds one of interest and clicks on it, after three times the book is purchased. Once it is purchased, it belongs to all of the state university libraries. Once the funds are spent, we are removed. This is a patron driven purchase. There are also programs similar with print books which started back when the prior dean was here. For example, if you want to borrow a book through interlibrary loan and it is a book we think we should own—we then turn around and purchase it from [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). University of Florida & Florida State University are going into a separate collaboration for e-book purchases for an additional $120,000 patron driven e-book purchase.

2. Vendors handling print orders are offering records that can be put into our catalog. If a student/faculty member is searching the record and finds that book, they will be asked if they’d like to request that book which will then result in the purchase of that particular book.

i. Active Faculty Searches/New Positions

1. Scholarly Communications Librarian/Starts May 9th
2. Caribbean Basin Librarian (COULDN’T MAKE OUT WHAT SHE SAID VIA TAPE)
3. Baldwin Librarian
4. University Archivist Librarian
5. Anthropology Librarian
6. Political Science Librarian
7. Digital Library Center Librarian & Manager of High Density Facility (dual role)

III Thinking Ahead

August 2011 ULC will start up again. Mario said that the evening schedule works out the best for his schedule and avoiding conflict in the work day schedule. He thought it would be beneficial to send out a poll to see what others think.

Other topics we’d like to continue to discuss:
  1. Budget
  2. Open Access
  3. Guest Speakers/Highlighting interesting projects
  4. Having meetings at different locations & tours before meeting

IV Wrap-up

- What’s working?
- Time of meeting still working?
  - It was suggested that we do a poll to see if the evening schedule worked better than the day schedule.
- Brenda congratulates Mario for receiving the University Research Foundation Scholar Award.
- Brenda said that her group will come caroling at the libraries in December.