Faculty Senate Library Committee
February 6, 2013

Minutes

Approved on March 6, 2013

Present: Susan Auerbach(Chair), Marianne Afifi, David Bermudes, Joyce Broussard, Keji Chen, Rosemary Gonzalez, Lindsay Hansen, Charles Hatfield, Mohamed Hegab, Ellen Jarosz, Adrian Perez-Boluda, Mark Stover, Meiqin Wang, Jim Lunsford (recording secretary)

Absent: Vanessa Cummings, Juan Quevedo

Guests: Mary Woodley

Call to Order
Susan Auerbach, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Administration Conference Room in the Oviatt Library.

The minutes from the November 7, 2012 meeting were approved without objection.

General Announcements
- It was tentatively agreed to change the date of the April meeting from the 3rd to the 24th to accommodate a scheduling conflict with the daylong Revolution of the Book symposium.
- There will be an opening reception on Sunday, March 10 for a new Library exhibit, Seamanship and Settlement: The Portuguese Maritime Tradition and Macau's Architectural Duality.
- Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) will sponsor a panel discussion on March 14, from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Dean's Report:
Great progress is being made on plans for the Learning Commons. Construction will begin immediately after graduation. Plans are being made to minimize disruption, and the library will remain open during construction. Contingencies are being considered in the event that the project is not completed by fall. The goal is to roll out the new Learning Commons, coffee shop, and Learning Resource Center simultaneously.

The Library's Role the University's Grant Process
It was explained that traditionally at CSUN the Library is not routinely included in funding requests when grant proposals are made.
- The committee generally agreed that the library should be considered in the grant writing process, and receive funds to help support the research of funded grants.
- There were questions raised regarding grant money allocated to indirect costs for CSUN, and the possibility of those costs being increased to include funds for Library support.
- A consensus was reached and committee member David Bermudes volunteered to draft a letter to Scott Perez, the Director of the Office of Research & Sponsored Projects inquiring how, and to what extent, the Library is included in indirect cost consideration when grants are funded.

Open Access Policies: Should CSUN have a mandate for faculty work?
There was discussion about the practice of faculty research - sponsored by the university - being given to journal publishers and then sold back to the university, and the economics of how research is disseminated. Dean Stover and the Chair reviewed open access policies and the option for a faculty mandate for depositing publications (primarily articles) in ScholarWorks.

- The pros and cons of such a mandate were discussed along with a variety of concerns. It was generally agreed that "policy" or "initiative" may be less off-putting than "mandate," and it was suggested that it be presented as an "opt in," rather than an "opt out" policy.
- There was agreement that committee members would continue the discussion within their respective departments and college communities.
- It was agreed that Dean Stover would work to adapt an existing Power Point presentation on the subject that can be used by committee members and by Library reps. It was suggested that the revised presentation should reflect an "opt in" policy, highlight safeguards, clarify copyrighted materials only for inclusion, include a list of journal publishers that have approved inclusion in ScholarWorks, and feature professor testimonials.

Library Committee Bylaws (Item was tabled and moved to March 6 agenda.)

Guest speaker/presentation:
Mary Woodley, the Oviatt Library's Collection Development Coordinator, joined the committee meeting to give a presentation on the acquisitions budget.

- It was explained that the library has had the same base budget since 2001, the entirety of which is used to cover the cost of journal and database subscriptions.
- Lottery funds are usually used to buy books, and CQF funds have helped with audio and video acquisitions.
- It was explained that subscription packages are not always discipline specific, and often there is not a price breakdown for specific titles within a package. This makes it difficult to know if big deals are actually a value. This is a problem that is being discussed system wide.
- Purchasing priority is based on information from department liaisons, new course proposals, reviews, and information from university and publisher catalogues.
- It was made clear that with growing needs, inflation, and a flat budget, cancelations of journals and databases may have to begin.

It was made clear that the bottom line is that the Library allocation may be insufficient to meet its increasing purchasing needs in the future.

Next meeting – March 6, 2013

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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