

Faculty Senate Library Committee
October 12, 2011

Minutes

Approved on November 2, 2011

Present: David Miller (Chair), Lindsay Hansen, Christina Mayberry, Daniel Curtis, Joyce Broussard, Meiqin Wang, Mohamed Hegab, Rosemary Gonzalez, Susan Auerbach, Tim Karels, Julia Potter (Recording Secretary)

Absent: Marianne Afifi (excused), Charles Hatfield (excused), Mark Stover (excused)

Guest: Lynn Lampert, Mara Houdyshell, Gabriel Castaneda, Mary Woodley

Call to Order

David Miller, 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.

David Miller welcomed the members of the Committee. He announced that Mark Stover, Dean of the Library, was not attending today's meeting and neither was Marianne Afifi, Associate Dean of the Library. Lynn Lampert was attending the meeting today on Dean Stover's behalf.

Old Business

David Miller announced that there were two points of order items from the last meeting on which he wanted to report the action taken:

1. He notified Heidi Wolfbauer in the Faculty Senate Office that the Committee had approved the request from Charles Hatfield for a leave of absence from the Committee for the Fall semester. Additionally, he notified Charles Hatfield of the action.
2. He notified Heidi Wolfbauer in the Faculty Senate Office that the Committee had approved the appointment of Joyce Broussard to serve as the Committee's representative at the Faculty Senate meetings.

Approval of the Minutes

David Miller asked for comments about the minutes taken for the September 6, 2011 meeting. There were none. David Miller moved to approve the minutes. Susan Auerbach seconded the motion. David Miller called for a vote. The motion was unanimously approved.

Announcements

David Miller asked if there were any announcements.

Christina Mayberry reported that she attended the recent Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) event with Dr. Bonnie Dunbar. The event, which was a reception and presentation by astronaut Bonnie Dunbar, had a good turn-out and was very interesting. A dinner to raise money for WISE followed the presentation. Christina Mayberry encouraged the Committee members to attend future WISE events.

David Miller announced the results of the "Library Committee Topics of Interest" ranking done at the September meeting. The Committee members were each given a form that lists 22 suggested topics (including "other") and members were asked to select 6 and rank them in order of interest. The top six choices are:

1. Electronic & Print Journals/Databases
2. Special Collections/Urban Archives/University Archives/Digital Archives (agreed to be one presentation)
3. Electronic Posting of Articles to be Assessed by Students
4. Teacher Curriculum Center
5. Library Web Pages
6. Technical Services

Based on the topics of interest chosen by the committee members, the following is the proposed schedule of presentations throughout the year:

- October: Teacher Curriculum Center (Mara Houdyshell and Gabriel Castaneda Castaneda) **and** Electronic & Print Journals/Databases (Mary Woodley)
- November: Technical Services (Helen Heinrich) **and** tour of the ASRS (Mike Villalobos)
- February: Library Web Pages: (Elizabeth Altman)
- March: Electronic Posting of Articles to be Assessed by Students (tbd)
- April: Special Collections/Urban Archives/University Archives/Digital Archives: (Stephen Kutay and others)

Committee members were also given a handout with the above information.

Guest Speaker/Presentation: the Teacher Curriculum Center (TCC)

Mara Houdyshell (Faculty/Librarian for the Teacher Curriculum Center) and Gabriel Castaneda (Teacher Curriculum Center Supervisor) began their presentation about the Library's Teacher Curriculum Center (TCC) by asking Committee members to close their eyes and listen to the sounds of the tropical rainforest. This demonstration showcased some of the many items available in the TCC, which is the K-12 curriculum materials library in the Oviatt. Mara Houdyshell and Gabriel Castaneda presented an overview of the history, collection and services of the TCC. They brought several examples of the array of items available. Mara Houdyshell explained that the TCC is actually two collections in one: the juvenile literature collection that began in the College of Education in the late 1960s/early 1970s, and the collection of books (student and teacher editions), kits, games, DVDs, cassettes, software and puppets. There is also a popular study space in the TCC area. Gabriel Castaneda described his responsibilities as the TCC Supervisor, which includes making presentations to various groups.

Following the presentation, there was time for questions and answers.

Susan Auerbach asked about usage and Mara Houdyshell replied that usage varies and that she would like to see more community users. Gabriel Castaneda added that the location is not the best. Mara Houdyshell stated that it is a good space but it is hidden. Susan Auerbach suggested a poster/display in the College of Education.

There was discussion about the impact of the HIS grant for additional funding for the Library.

Responding to a question from David Miller, Mara Houdyshell reported that most students in the teacher credentialing program come to the TCC as a class.

There was discussion about the check-out policies and replacement policy.

Lynn Lampert noted that the TCC has a good and current DVD and video collection.

Rosemary Gonzales commented about the multicultural kits. She noted that these and other items would have value as teaching aides in various disciplines on campus.

Responding to a question from David Miller, Mara Houdyshell described TCC funding, which is from lottery funds, and how funds are distributed. She also discussed endowment funds. She noted that she has been working with the TCC for only about a year. The late Karin Duran was the TCC Librarian for 32 years.

Responding to a question from Rosemary Gonzales, Mara Houdyshell, Gabriel Castaneda, Lynn Lampert, Christina Mayberry and Lindsay Hansen discussed the various sources used to keep the collection current, including product reviews in catalogs, school library journals, state standards, medal winners and faculty requests. Mara Houdyshell commented about the challenges presented by the LAUSD adoption timeline.

Responding to a question from Susan Auerbach, Mara Houdyshell stated that she would welcome receiving "wish-lists" from faculty members.

To conclude their presentation, Mara Houdyshell and Gabriel Castaneda distributed bookmarks that were made in the TCC.

Guest Speaker/Presentation: Electronic & Print Journals/Databases

Mary Woodley (Faculty/Librarian) began her presentation by stating that she was there to present the doom and gloom about journal subscriptions and databases. She reviewed the costs, which include subscription fees, access fees, maintenance fees and royalty/copyright fees. She described the escalating costs, citing JAMA. She stated that the Library is forced to cancel some electronic Journals and get them in print. She described the problem of aggregated bundling of titles. She described the fact that the Chancellor's Office 10/90 commitment is deeply in trouble. She cited the mergers of some publishers, such as Wiley and Blackwell, as problematic. She described the difficult choices that now have to be made concerning cutting spending. She stated that as a library, they are looking again at the subscriptions, cutting low usage electronic journals. She commented that there is no fluff left to cut. She has to find \$60,000 to cut.

Discussion ensued about how usage is counted and reported, about the inability to pick-and-choose from aggregated packages, about how journals are selected, about the need for online journals to support online degrees, about the need for faculty members on the tenure-track to publish in these journals, and about open access journals.

Responding to a question from Lindsay Hansen, Tim Karels stated that many open access journals are of high quality. Broad discussion ensued, including a discussion about the RTP process. Discussion continued about the cost of publishing and the fact that these Journals are owned by corporations interested in profit, not the advancement of higher education or scholarly research. There was discussion about the ramifications of the CSU refusing to pay. It was noted that Brian Schottlaender, who will be coming to campus in November to make a presentation, led the move to drop *Nature*.

There was discussion about how to carry the message of cost to the students and faculty. David Miller commented that as a consumer, he wants more and has no sense of the cost when using journals and data basis.

More discussion ensued about the open access movement.

Adjournment

Having no further business, David Miller adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2, 2011.

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