

Friends of the Oviatt Library (FOL)
Minutes, Nov. 15, 2019
Admin Conference room

The meeting was called to order by Bob at 10:13 a.m.

Present: Dean Mark Stover, Annette Besnilian, Vickie Campbell, Iris Caplan, Joyclyn Dunham, Dorothy Fabricant, Bob Gohstand, Jamie Johnson, Darnesa Morris, Jim Parker, Marcy Rothman, Rita Streimer, and Hazel Wittenberg.

The minutes of the Oct. meeting were unanimously approved as written

Announcements:

The Orange Grove Bistro will be torn down in spring 2020. Once demolition is done, the hotel will start construction which will take about a year and half. It will be a Hilton Garden, 3-4 stories, with about 150 rooms and a small coffee shop. The land will be leased to the Hilton Company.

The new restaurant will be built and owned by the University Corporation but run by a separate company. It will be located between the bookstore and Soraya and will include conference facilities. There will be parking reserved for the restaurant in the parking structure near the Soraya. The new restaurant is scheduled to open January 2021.

Next year's Library Volunteer Holiday party will have to be off campus.

Elsevier Publisher has several million dollars in profits and has been raising prices of its online journals. Tenured professors submit their work to be published to Elsevier Publisher which then charges high prices to the Universities for journal subscriptions. The CSU system is negotiating with Elsevier to attempt to lower costs.

The Library has been going through internal renovations and will continue to do so in the future. On the second floor, there is a plan to add more study space for students, part of the floor will be taken over by Academic Affairs, and a request for money to renovate part of the second floor for a digitization lab for students to use.

Once the Office of Community Engagement moves into the Library second floor, the idea was put forth to discuss in a future Board meeting about asking a Community Engagement staff member to join the FOL Board.

Annette Besnilian was introduced to the Board. She is a faculty member in HHD and the Director of the Marilyn Magaram Center. She has been a part of CSUN since 1991.

Marcy Rothman was introduced to the board as an official member of the FOL Board.

The 2019 Library Volunteer Holiday Party will be Monday, Dec. 9th at 11:30 am and brief meeting will start at 10:30 am.

Closing Remarks

The next FOL Board meeting will be on Monday, Dec. 9th at 10:30 a.m. in the Orange Grove Bistro.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.