The Library Committee was convened in the Kansas Room of the Memorial Union at 2:30 p.m. The following members were present: Dr. Childers, Dr. Crawford, Mr. DePue, Dr. Kellogg, Dr. Leung, Dr. Liang, Ms. Liebst, Dr. MacTavish, Dr. Memmott, Dr. Rettig, Dr. Rodriguez, Dr. Schmiedeler, Dr. Snook, Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Sun, Dr. Thomas, Dr. Weed. Ms. Perkins and Dr. Jander sent word they would be unable to attend. Ex-Officio, Wanda Dole.

Guests: Judy Druse and David Feinmark, Mabee Library

Anne-Marie Snook convened the meeting at 2:30 p.m. She called for the election of a new chair. David DePue nominated Sharon Sullivan, motion passed. Sullivan was elected and assumed chair of the meeting.

Jay Memmott moved that the minutes of November 9, 2005, be approved. David DePue seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Assessment activities: Judy Druse reported that the Libraries conducted focus groups on April 26th. Anne Liebst reported that she and David Feinmark have been conducting usability studies with faculty and students about the Mabee and Curriculum Resources Center (CRC) Web sites, which were re-designed in 2005.

David Feinmark reported that the Libraries have added over 250 new online journal titles since the last meeting. Lists of new online journals are now being posted on the Libraries’ homepage as well as being sent to all faculty via email. Over 100 of these new titles were from a package purchased from Sage Publications. Funds for the purchase of the Sage package were found by canceling our subscriptions to 25 of these same titles in paper. Mr. Feinmark
reported that both the Mabee Library and the CRC had received Interlibrary Loan Development Grants from the Kansas State Library which together totaled several thousand dollars. These grants were received to purchase DVD’s on “World Culture and Identity Portrayed Through Film” (for Mabee Library) and “6 Traits of Reading and Writing” (for the CRC). Handouts were distributed with the titles of all of these grant items. Mr. Feinmark also reported that the Libraries had used endowed funds to purchase an additional JSTOR collection, “Arts and Sciences III”. This collection contains 150 online journals primarily in language and literature, music, film, the performing arts, religion, and art and architecture. A handout with a list of these new journal titles was distributed.

Other significant collection development and management activities were also reported. Since the last meeting the Libraries have participated in successful accreditation reports and site visits for the School of Business, the Art Department in the College, and the Diagnostic Sonography Program in the Department of Allied Health in SAS. Also, for the first time, the Libraries have essentially completed the entry of all library materials into the online catalog. The project to complete the cataloging of the items in Special Collections identified several interesting items such as books in Latin from the 1500’s, and a volume of poetry autography by Robert Frost. Another project nearing completion is the cataloging of the Instructional Materials and Testing Collections at the CRC. It is expected that all of these retrospective cataloging projects will be completed by June 30, 2006 and that, for the first time, all library materials will be accessible to the Washburn community through the online catalog.

Judy Druse provided an update on public services. The electronic reserves pilot was a success and the Libraries plan to offer online, electronic reserves to all faculty beginning Fall 2006. WOREP, the reference evaluation project, will end mid-May. The Libraries will receive a report during the summer and share results with the committee next fall. Judy distributed two handouts: the first was a printout http://www.washburn.edu/mabee/services/reference_instruction.html, which describes the various ways that faculty and students may contact the Library for research assistance; the second was a printout of http://www.washburn.edu/mabee/researchTools/guides.html, a Web page with links to research guides, including guides for various databases and style manuals.

Anne Liebst reported that the ATLAS Services Agreement was signed in October 2005. Listservs were set up for communication among all groups and task forces. The ATLAS Technical Services Task Force has met twice to discuss issues facing the entire consortium. The ATLAS Public Services Task Force meets on Monday, May 8, 2006. It has taken some time, but the consortium is moving forward.

Fourteen new Neoware terminals along with flat screen monitors were purchased for the reference area of Mabee Library. The terminals are faster and more user-friendly. There are plans to enable the USB ports to allow library users to save full-text articles and citations to their flash drives.
The Mabee Library Innovation Grant Committee applied for, but did not receive funding for renovation of the Electronic Classroom (Mabee 206). The Libraries will proceed to “Plan B” for the needed renovation. Plan B will be updating the Electronic Classroom in small steps.

Mabee Library is helping to sponsor the Northeast Kansas Library System Technology Day on August 10, 2006. The full-day event will include breakout sessions for all types of librarians from the northeast corner of Kansas. Keynote speaker will be Michael Stephens of http://tametheweb.com fame.


Meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.
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