

Library Committee Meeting

MONDAY

April 6, 2009

3:30 p.m.

Room 105

Mabee Library

TO:

Dr. David Bainum

Dr. Karen Barron

Dr. Alan Bearman

Ms. Amy Billinger

Dr. Cheryl Childers

Dr. Barry Crawford

Dr. Sophie Delahaye

Ms. Judy Druse

Dr. Yongtao Du

Dr. Liviu Florea

Ms. Kathy Hupp

Dr. Ursula Jander

Dr. Reinhild Janzen

Mr. Terry Knowles

Dr. Sam Leung

Dr. Park Lockwood

Dr. Michael McGuire

Mrs. Marilyn Masterson

Dr. Jay Memmott

Ms. Jenny Mills

Dr. Maria Raicheva-Stover

Dr. Michael Rettig

Dr. Leslie Reynard

Dr. Tom Schmiedele

Dr. Douglass Smith

Ms. Heather Smith-Collins

Dr. Ann Marie Snook

Dr. Sharon Sullivan

Dr. Brian Thomas

Dr. Jennifer Wagner

Dr. Iris Wilkinson

The Library Committee convened in the Mabee Library, Room 105 at 3:30 p.m. The following members were present: Dr. Bearman, Ms. Billinger, Dr. Barron, Dr. Childers, Dr. Delahaye, Ms. Druse, Dr. Liviu, Dr. Leung, Dr. McGuire, Mrs. Masterson, Dr. Reynard, Ms. Smith-Collins, Dr. Schmiedeler, Dr. Sullivan, Dr. Wagner, and Dr. Wilkinson. Drs. Reinhild and Thomas sent word they would be unable to attend.

Dr. Bearman discussed details about the decision making process for the list of materials' cuts and book buying changes that was distributed to faculty prior to the meeting. He explained that the reallocation was not based upon a budget cut because to date the President, VPAA and Deans had worked to protect the library budget to the best of their ability. Instead, the library budget process is being driven by the "serials crisis." Each year the library will face a shortfall between \$60,000-\$80,000 in purchasing power depending on inflation rates for books and journals, any budgetary augments, or other factors surrounding the budget. With administration and faculty support the library will continue to evaluate and assess library resources in order to balance the needs of the campus with what the library can afford.

The library has posted specific information about the reallocation process at the following website:
http://www.washburn.edu/mabee/FY10_Proposed_Collections_Realignment.shtml

All Kansas academic libraries are reducing their collections and eliminating serials and databases as part of their cost saving measures. The Libraries continue to work closely with partners across the state in an effort to create a partnership and to ensure that statewide strategy for dealing with the current crisis exists. The libraries are actively pursuing consortia deals with other libraries to reduce costs by migrating journal titles from print to electronic format. A significant reduction (54%) of the budget for book purchasing will occur in order to reallocate funds to support electronic databases and serials.

Like so many University libraries fewer resources are available to help meet an increasing array of goals and objectives each year. The library will continue to identify ways to maintain an appropriate balance among disciplines and user groups; sustain access to research materials with available funding to support research, teaching, and extension; use endowed funds strategically to purchase important resources; and continue collaboration with the Washburn community to make the best decisions for our campus.

Dr. Bearman requests faculty input and assistance to help identify the titles selected for cancellation. This process of identifying and prioritizing what resources to keep or eliminate will be finalized by mid-May 2009. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact your library liaison ASAP.

Discussion continued. Dr. Bearman stressed that the lists of materials targeted for elimination on the website are not final. Before final decisions are relayed to vendors the library staff needs to hear from faculty about their teaching and research needs.

Meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Ginger D. Webber, Administrative Secretary