

Library Committee Minutes
September 24, 2014
Room 105
4:00 p.m.

TO:

Dr. Seid Adem	Dr. Frank Chorba	Dr. Donna LaLonde	Dr. Jim Schnoebelen
Dr. David Bainum	Dr. Angela Duncan	Mr. Randi McAfee	Dr. Diana Seitz
Dr. Alan Bearman	Mr. Keith Farwell	Ms. Marda Messay	Dr. Brian Thomas
Mr. Chris Bird	Dr. Erin Grant	Dr. Margie Miller	Dr. Kelly Watt
Mr. Sean Bird	Mr. Dalton Hane	Dr. Gaspar Porta	Ms. Penny Weiner
Ms. Elise Blas	Dr. Andrew Herbig	Dr. Michael Rettig	Dr. Iris Wilkinson
Dr. Jane Brown	Dr. Rob Hull	Dr. Bassima Schbley	Dr. Margaret Wood
Dr. Erin Chamberlain	Dr. Klaus Ladstaetter	Dr. Tom Schmiedeler	

The Library Committee convened in Mabee Library at 4:00 p.m. The following members were present: Dr. Bearman, Mr. S. Bird, Mr. C. Bird, Dr. Brown, Dr. Chamberlain, Dr. Duncan, Dr. Grant, Mr. Hane, Dr. Hull, Dr. Ladstaetter, Dr. Miller, Dr. Schbley, Dr. Schnoebelen, Dr. Messay, Dr. Thomas, and Ms. Weiner. Guest Carrie Cornelius. Dr. Adem, Dr. Herbig, Mr. Farwell, and Iris Wilkinson sent word they would be unable to attend.

Dr. Bearman distributed a copy of the Libraries 2014 Annual Report and opened the meeting with introductions from the committee members.

Penny Weiner nominated Dr. Brian Thomas for Library Committee Chair for 2014/2015. Dr. Schnoebelen seconded the motion. Motion passed by acclamation.

Associate Dean of University Libraries Sean Bird, introduced Carrie Cornelius as the New Information Literacy Librarian. She began August 1, and brings a lot of energy to the job.

As is custom at the first meeting of the year, Dr. Bearman reported first on personnel and then on fiscal issues. He reported that there are multiple job openings in the library due to the poaching of staff by other institutions and the sudden tragic death of Cal Melick. He continued reporting, how extremely proud he and Associate Dean Bird are of both the Library and Center for Student Success staff because despite the staff shortage and their sense of grief for the loss of Mr. Melick—they have risen to every challenge/opportunity that has presented itself at the start of this academic year. In addition, the staff is very busy coordinating search committees and interviews to fill these positions.

Dr. Bearman reported that from FY2009 to FY2014, the library had reduced the print materials (books, print journals, etc.) budget by \$384,743.00, while increasing the budget for electronic resource purchases (databases, journals, etc.) by \$372,961.00. Dr. Bearman then explained to the committee that the dollar figures he was using did not account for inflationary costs and once those were calculated that the University Libraries had seen their actual purchasing power reduced by approximately \$243,859.00. To this end, Dr. Bearman reported the University Libraries were no longer assigning monetary allocations to the units because the risk was too great of their requesting purchases to spend their entire allocation instead of choosing materials due to need and/or quality. Moving forward, Dr. Bearman reported the Library would attempt to make purchases based upon materials needed and not a number. He concluded this portion of his report by agreeing to send the Committee a memo regarding the inflationary pressures faced by the Libraries for their review, before sending it to the VPAA and VPAT.

Sean Bird reported on the proposed Minor in Information Literacy. The Information Literacy Minor is an interdisciplinary program designed to teach students Information Literacy, prepare them for a lifetime of learning and address the Information Literacy and Technology Student Learning Outcomes. The proposal has been sent to the Interdisciplinary Studies Committee for approval. More information will follow.

Dr. Bearman and Mr. Bird took questions from the Committee; reporting that due to inflationary pressures that the cancellation of additional material purchases would occur in the near future.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:36 p.m.
Respectfully submitted
Ginger D. Webber
Administrative Specialist

NEXT MEETING
WEDNESDAY
October 22nd, 2014
4:00 p.m.
Mabee Library
Room 105

Annual Report can be found at:
www.washburn.edu/mabee/about_us/AnnualReport2014.pdf