

Library Committee Minutes

April 21, 2015

Room 105

4:00 p.m.

The Library Committee convened in Mabee Library at 4:00 p.m. The following Members were present: Dr. Adem, Dr. Bearman, Sean Bird, Dr. Chamberlain, Dr. Grant, Dr. Herbig, Dr. Ladstaetter, Ms. Messay, Dr. Miller, Michael Rettig, Dr. Schmalzried, Ms. Sundal, and Dr. Thomas. Dr. Brown, Mr. Farwell, Dr. Watt, Ms. Weiner, and Dr. Wilkinson sent word they would be unable to attend.

Dr. Bearman reported that next semester the library units would like to begin a conversation about Open Access Textbooks. He reported that the University of Kansas, led by their libraries, has become a leader in the open access movement with regard to research publications. He thought Washburn could play an interesting and important role in the conversation regarding open access textbooks and student success. Dr. Bearman suggested to the committee that the key to open access adoption is to incentivize the faculty to reconsider the books they use and provide them the time and resources necessary to redesign their courses to accommodate open access materials. Discussion followed. Following are links for the committee to examination over the next few months:

<http://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/>

<http://creativecommons.org/tag/textbooks>

Sean Bird reported on the online Information Literacy Minor that the Committee approved several months ago. The minor has received approval from the following: Interdisciplinary Studies, Academic Affairs and Faculty Senate. The next step in the approval process is General Faculty. Mr. Bird again thanked the Committee for its support of the proposal.

Dr. Bearman reported that there is no more money left this semester for the purchase of books and materials. FY16 is absorbing a budget reduction of \$48,000. Combined with ongoing inflationary pressures the University Libraries have begun making significant decisions regarding FY16 operating expenses. A decision was made to end 24/5 access to Mabee Library outside of Success and Finals week. Mabee will revert to an 11:00pm closing on Sunday through Thursday nights. In addition, material purchasing will again be reduced. The FY16 book budget is being reduced and so will funding for journals and databases. Dr. Bearman assured those present that as specific journals and database collections are identified for elimination that Committee members will be notified.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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Annual Report can be found at:

www.washburn.edu/mabee/about_us/AnnualReport2014.pdf