

***Library Committee Minutes***  
***October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015***  
***Room 105***  
***4:00 p.m.***

The Library Committee convened in Mabee Library at 4:00 p.m. The following members were present: Sean Bird, Dr. Brown, Dr. Chamberlain, Dr. Grant, Dr. Hull, Dr. Ladstaetter, Dr. Messay, Dr. Park, Dr. Porta, Dr. Thomas, and Penny Weiner. Dr. Bearman, Keith Farwell, Dr. Schmalzried, and Dr. Wilkinson sent word they would be unable to attend.

Dr. Erin Grant agreed to Chair the Library Committee for 2015/2016. Motion passed by acclamation. The committee thanked Dr. Thomas for his service.

Mr. Bird introduced Amanda Luke, the new Public/Access Librarian. Discussion centered on Open Access Textbooks. At the last committee meeting in April 2015, Dr. Berman 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. 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.

Mr. Bird reported that Dr. Bearman, like all Deans, was informed by the President that the need for budget frugality is necessary. No decisions about nor timelines for budget cuts was discussed. The University Libraries ability to reduce budgets is constrained by advance orders for a variety of materials. Therefore, the library faculty representatives were asked to have FY16 materials request turned into their library liaison no later than 5:00 p.m., November 13<sup>th</sup>. An updated liaison list is attached.

The librarians have been working on a draft to submit to the Faculty Handbook Committee and Faculty Affairs regarding tenure for academic librarians. Mr. Bird asked that if anyone is interested in reading the draft before it is submitted to contact him (x1550) or Dr. Bearman (x1855).

**Meeting Adjourned at 4:35p.m.**  
**Respectfully submitted**  
**Ginger D. Webber**  
**Administrative Specialist**

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