Minutes of the Library Council Meeting
December 12th, 2016
W.R. Coe Library


The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. Andrea welcomed the council, and asked the attendees to introduce themselves. She asked for any additions to the agenda. The council asked to tour the spaces mentioned in item #4.

1. UW Libraries: Updates - Ivan Gaetz, Dean of Libraries
   a. Financial Crisis Update: Ivan gave the update on the FY2018 budget and said that the cuts were not as severe as expected, down from 8.5% forecast to a cut of only 0.8%. $110,000 is our cut and we will take it from operations. This may change as the price of oil fluctuates. No positions will be regained at this time although Ivan is putting forward a request.

   b. Strategic Planning: Process/Discussion: We’ve started the process in the libraries by engaging in think tank mode, revisiting our vision/values statement and creating a steering committee for the process. Ivan circulated the vision/values statement draft for the council to provide feedback. The document will also go to all library employees. The steering committee charge is to keep the process integral and on track. Ivan asked the library council what their role should be. Should a library council person be on the committee? Could the council look at/work with the strategic plan for the library in an upcoming council meeting? It was decided sufficient that the Council get a report and a chance to interact with the plan at both the February and April meetings, using half the time at each meeting. The steering committee is currently identifying stakeholders.

   a. Follow-up to October 2016 Meeting: Andrea read the charge for the council from the Uniregs and the list from last October that the group generated and asked if anyone had anything to add to the list. The need for a health sciences librarians was reiterated, as that position was embedded, integral to the classes, provided a lot of services and is very much missed. The College of Business doesn’t have a liaison either. David Kruger is assigned to Business but it does not show as an area in his subject bibliographer list. Ivan talked about his presentation to the provost and president regarding staffing levels and our aspirational comparators. The council asked that the minutes reflect that their #1 concern is the faculty staffing levels in the library. They appreciate our collections and the access we have, and encourage the creation of more study spaces. Regarding the liaisons to the College of Business and Health Sciences especially, please email Andrea re: concerns or bring to the next meeting. Andrea asked for any names for the grad or undergrad representatives. She is working with AASUW but hasn’t gotten anyone who can attend meeting. Our goal is to have at least one student attend in February.

3. Recent UW Libraries Initiatives: Ivan Gaetz, Lori Phillips, Others
a. Student Innovation Center – The team in charge of this initiative is currently looking to acquire equipment for the space. Jesse Ballard is looking for a position to staff the space. Ongoing maintenance for the proposed equipment is being discussed.

b. “Learning Commons” – A proposal for this space is due in January. STEP and the writing center are very interested in the space.

c. Presentation Lab – The “One-Button Studio” space is almost ready to start beta testing. A few pieces of equipment remain to be installed.

d. “PetaLibrary” – the “Peta Library” is a big data repository for researchers to store and share data. The library helped set up the architecture for it.


5. Other Items – none.

6. Adjourn