LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

June 8, 2010  7:30 am
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Members Present:  C. Robinson (Chair), T. Cooper, M. Darowish, R. Kass, J. Richie, J. Ruffle, D. Spector,

Members excused:  A. Ambrose, P. Wilson

Library Faculty:  E. Dell

Cynthia Robinson, the Director of the Harrell Health Sciences Library and chair of the Library Advisory Committee opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Refreshments were provided.

1. Library Update
   • Seven extra public computer stations purchased via a NLM grant are now installed for use.
   • Harrell HSL web page is due to be rolled out soon, depending on new server and the response time.
   • Exhibit Case just inside the front doors of the library is now used to display archives including the Harvey Book.

2. Recruitment
   • Due to a number of retirements we have had several recruitment searches ongoing.
   • Librarian for Reference and Instruction will be an early career position, and is in the process of being advertised, no search committee established yet.
   • Librarian for Knowledge Integration and Emerging Technology, search committee will be looking at resumes shortly.
   • New Librarian for Collections Development – David Brennan has been appointed and will be joining us on July 1, 2010. David comes from Pittsburg with 15 + years of library experience.
   • Associate Director/Coordinator for Education and Instruction – two candidates visited and an offer will be made shortly. Dr. Ruffle asked who the education position teaches. Cynthia responded – Medical, Graduate, and Nursing Students. The librarian in this position will be working with Carol Whitfield to look at the concept of teaching with regard to EBM in the curriculum.

3. SFX  -There are still a number of issues involving 2 networks and 2 proxies. Separate interaction on the server at University Park is an IT issue both at Hershey and University Park. We will be going forward to buy our own version and manage it ourselves with integration with SFX. In response to a question Cynthia explained that SFX is a link resolver. Dr. Spector asked how access would be controlled and by what. Directions will be given as to which access ID should be used.

4. Illiad Update – Esther informed the committee that Illiad is now functioning fairly well, and users seem quite satisfied with delivery. There are a few minor issues and these are being resolved as they work through.
5. New Dean of Libraries – Barbara Dewey has been appointed new Dean of Libraries and will take up this roll on August 1, 2010

6. Academic Management System ½ day summit – This is scheduled for June 23, 2010. Any system that is introduced will require money, time and multiple department cooperation. The meeting on June 23, is by invitation only to allow the steering committee to assess and try to put forward a case for institutional support.

7. Questions/concerns
Discussion took place regarding the completion of the 1st phase of the library renovation, better lighting at the front of the library, more tables, electric access has made the library more inviting for the students. With regard to the 2nd phase of renovation which is in the strategic plan, committee discussed the Development Office and Alumni who may wish to donate to the library. A project is forthcoming with regard to hours of use for study room, library, etc to establish whether we are using the space as effectively as possible and to show that more renovations would be beneficial. Dr. Kass wondered whether a student survey would be of any advantage.

Meeting adjourned 8:25 am.