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## **MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD**

### **February 13, 2008**

Dr. Peggy Holmes Layman, Chair, convened the meeting at 4:07 p.m., in Booth Library Conference Room 4440.

**Present:** Rick Anderson, Monty Bennett, Chris Deshon, Marie Fero, Karla Kennedy-Hagan, Keith Kohanzo, Dean Allen Lanham, Peggy Holmes Layman, Thomas McDonald, Sham'ah Md-Yunus, Chris Mitchell, and Robert Petersen.

#### **I. Welcome and Comments**

A motion was made by Chris Mitchell, seconded by Marie Fero, and passed, to approve the minutes from the November 28, 2007 meeting, as corrected.

#### **II. Communications**

Communication was received from Terri Fredrick regarding her inability to attend this semester due to a class conflict and that Robert Petersen would take her place. Sam Guccione also indicated his inability to attend and that Thomas McDonald would take his place.

Communications also were received from Marina Marjanovic, Linda Ghent and Tom Nelson, conveying their inability to attend.

#### **III. Old Business**

- One Book, One University – Dr. Lanham informed the Board that 45 copies of *Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything*, by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner, the book chosen for this year's One Book, One University project, are available in the library's collection. There has been some promotion of the project and more is in progress. The book will be touted as the "alternate Spring Break" in the hopes that students will read the book during their time away. Faculty will serve as discussion leaders for the open sessions planned for March 25 and March 26, 2008. When asked why this book was chosen, Dr. Lanham informed the Board that this book has made the list for the top books to be considered for the past three to four years, which moved it ahead of others in consideration. The list developed by the Board was taken to library faculty and they endorsed the choice of *Freakonomics*, as well.
- FY2008 Book and Materials Budget – Dr. Lanham explained in detail various aspects of this document that is published in various formats. One librarian bibliographer is assigned to each academic discipline. He explained how the monies are distributed. Not listed was \$15,000 of monies for Nursing recently received. The Contingency Fund represents 5% of the Book and Materials Budget, and is held available for use to support of journal overages or unforeseen emergencies or opportunities to develop collections.

#### **IV. New Business**

##### **Dean's Report**

###### Welcome

Dean Lanham introduced the guest speaker, Jocelyn Tipton, the Library's government documents librarian. Jocelyn also works in Reference and Collection Management and is the bibliographer for Psychology and Political Science.

Booth Library participates in the Federal Depository Library Program which provides free public access to government information. Most participants are academic libraries or large public libraries. The government produces massive amounts of information; and, every July, Jocelyn reviews the publication categories and chooses those she believes will be of interest to our campus and community—approximately 50% of what the government produces. In addition to federal documents, the library also serves as a depository for Illinois state government documents, all of which are located on the second floor of Booth Library, unless they are part of the online resources. In addition, the library has an extensive document collection of maps, microfiche, CD's and DVD's. More and more documents are available electronically; however, the library elects to maintain its paper collection in order to have better control of the materials provided to our patrons. There is no cost to the library to be a part of this program. The documents, however, are owned by the federal government and can be taken back at any time. In addition, we are mandated to keep all materials for five years. Booth Library generally maintains the materials in the collection until they become outdated.

#### Service Issues

Dr. Lanham distributed a handout regarding services Booth Library provides to off-campus patrons. Dean Hine is in the process of preparing a document for the Provost that will be distributed to continuing education students (approximately 1,500 to 2,500) who work or study away from the home institution. The Library's contribution to this document lists the services available to the non-traditional students. Due to time constraints, this will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

#### Planning Issues

Dean Lanham reminded the Board that *Breaking News: How the Associated Press Has Covered War, Peace, and Everything Else*, a traveling exhibit hosted by Booth Library and the Department of Journalism, was ongoing at Booth Library. In addition to the traveling exhibit, several additional exhibits are on display prepared by our librarians. These local-themed exhibits use primarily student publications. Last night, February 12, 2008, approximately 125 people attended the opening events.

Booth Library is now beginning to focus on two new exhibits to arrive soon. The first, to arrive in February 2009, is "*Wrapped in Pride: Ghanaian Kente and African American Identity*" and the other is *Teacher Education Tames the Prairie* (working title) in September/October of 2009. The project committee has chosen to feature vignettes on Illinois schools and the evolution of the Normal school. In an effort to create a more interesting exhibit, Dean Lanham and other staff members are looking for artifacts to demonstrate the changes that have occurred in the education field.

#### **V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Christine Derrickson, Recording Secretary