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

### **February 16, 2011**

Dr. Tina Veale, chair, convened the meeting at 4:00 p.m., in Booth Library Conference Room 4440.

**Present:** Lola Burnham, Joe Gisondi, Abdou Illia, Paul Johnston, Amitabh Joshi, Dean Allen Lanham, Stephen Lucas, Roberto Luna, Kiran Padmaraju, Betsy Pudliner, Amy Rosenstein, Jenny Sipes, Jeffrey Snell, Tina Veale, Peter Wiles, and Mandy Wu

**Excused:** Julie Benedict, Madeline Landes

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

A motion was made by Amy Rosenstein and seconded by Betsy Pudliner, to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2010, meeting; the motion carried. Paul Johnston has been appointed to the Board to represent the Graduate School in Chris Hanlon's absence for the spring 2011 semester. Everyone on the Board introduced themselves.

#### **II. Communications**

Communications were received from Julie Benedict and Madeline Landes regarding their inability to attend today's meeting.

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

There was no old business.

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

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

Dean Lanham introduced guest presenter, Jocelyn Tipton, Head of References Services. Jocelyn Tipton discussed how students use reference services to complete their assignments. Most of the students who come to the reference desk, or call, email or use online chat with a librarian, have a specific assignment they are working on. Most of the requests are for the librarians to explain how to find information in the Library's databases or catalog. She mentioned that students are often less familiar with the research jargon than faculty expect or they are unsure of the assignments. Board members shared ideas for what can be done to improve this, including encouraging students to bring their assignments and syllabus with them to the Library, making sure the assignments clearly indicate the requirements, and sending the assignments to the Library in advance. The reference and subject librarians are happy to meet with faculty to discuss ways to incorporate the Library into assignments and classes. This past fiscal year Reference librarians answered over 12,000 questions from patrons. Librarians hope to teach students research skills and give them the confidence they need to enhance their learning experience at EIU.

##### Personnel

- Dr. Lanham introduced Kirstin Duffin, who was present at the meeting, as the newest Reference librarian, hired on February 1, 2011. Her bibliographic areas are biological sciences and chemistry.

- Todd Bruns, Booth Library's Institutional Repository Librarian, discussed an event that he is coordinating for Booth Library during National Library Week, April 10-16, 2011. Booth Library will host its first-ever Edible Book Festival on Monday, April 11, 2011. Edible books are food art, using some aspect of a book (title, subject matter, theme, etc.) We hope to get entries from Library staff and faculty, students, other campus faculty and community participants. Todd has already been contacted by a fourth grade elementary school class wanting to get involved. Participants will fill out a form which will be available online via the Booth Library website, and photographs from the event will eventually be available via the Booth Library exhibits webpage. All entries will be installed for exhibit display from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. before the reception and judging to take place from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. The International Edible Book Festival began in 1999 in France, created by two librarians: Judith Hoffberg and Béatrice Coron. The festival is in homage to Jean-Anthelme Brillat-Savarin (1755-1826), famous for his book *Physiologie du goût*, a witty meditation on food. Since 1999 the festival has spread around the world with public libraries and university libraries participating. Examples of edible book entries can be seen at <http://www.library.wisc.edu/edible-book> (the University of Wisconsin-Madison festival) and at <http://www.books2eat.com> (the international festival).

#### Service Issues

- A meeting was held with University Counsel regarding copyrights and the start of the Institutional Repository. It is on the agenda for the March 28, 2011 meeting of EIU's President's Council.
- Dr. Lanham will submit a request to Provost Lord regarding the need for more dollars to fund equipment needs in the Library and media areas.

#### Planning Issues

- The *Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World* exhibit and complementary programs will be available at Booth Library until February 25, 2011.
- The next major exhibit will be one prepared by the graduate students from the Historical Administration department. The working title is "Buildings and Public Memory" and is slated to be on display in Booth Library during April 2012.
- Dean Lanham presented an update for the *2011 Booth Library Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creativity*. The deadline for student submission is Monday, March 21, 2011, after spring break. Information regarding this has been disseminated to faculty, through bookmarks, on screen savers at Booth Library's computers, on Booth Library's website, and via the University Newsletter. In addition, it was reported in an article written in the *Daily Eastern News*. Currently, about a dozen students have come to the Dean's office to ask questions about the awards. Library conference rooms have been reserved the week of March 21-25, 2011 for Advisory Board members to review student submissions. At the April 13, 2011 meeting, which coincides with National Library Week, awards will be given and a small reception held.

#### Budget Issues

Dr. Lanham reported that the FY2011 Periodical and Standing Order Review begins in February. The process starts with the subject librarians working with the Departmental Library Coordinators. There is a push to have most periodicals available soon in electronic format rather than print

format. Dr. Lanham also shared that the budget for the Books & Materials budget has remained steady the last three years due to the state budget.

#### Gift Collections

Booth Library has received and/or will receive three major collections this spring:

- The Ned Brasel Collection on the Southwest, a collection of approximately 1250 books, has been one of the most carefully developed gift collections Booth Library has ever received.
- Booth Library has been given an art book collection from the family of Dr. Melinda Hegarty, an emeritus professor who passed away.
- Dr. Karl Grisso, former head of Collection Development for Booth Library, plans to donate his Illinois history collection.

#### **V. Adjournment**

Amy Rosenstein moved, and Betsy Pudliner seconded, that the meeting be adjourned, 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Christine Derrickson, Recording Secretary