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MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
December 3, 2014

Dr. Robert Martinez, Chair of the Library Advisory Board, convened the meeting at 4:03 p.m. in Witters Conference Room 4440.

Present: Jason Hamilton, Anita Ihuwan, Allen Lanham, Danelle Larson, Stephen Lucas, Robert Martinez, Hasan Mavi, Jenny Sipes, Bill Slough, Ravi Somayajulu, and Ed Wehrle

I. Welcome and Comments

Welcome:

Due to new Board persons being present, Dr. Martinez requested that members introduce themselves and state what department they represented.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Dr. Ravi Somayajulu, and seconded by Anita Ihuwan, to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2014, meeting. The motion carried.

II. Communications

No communications were received.

III. Old Business

The draft documents for *2015 Booth Library Awards for Excellence in Student Research* program were briefly reviewed. It was agreed that this year students would have until the Friday after Spring Break, March 27, 2015, to turn in their submissions. This would still give the Board sufficient time to review all submissions prior to April 8, 2015. Discussion ensued with regard to the number of students who could jointly submit, the anticipated number of submissions, and award amounts. Considerable discussion was held about advertising. Web, bookmarks, newsletter, Daily Eastern News, library posters, sandwich boards and union monitors were among the suggestions. It was mentioned that the new "undergraduate research committee" in each college might be another place to target students who might submit a research paper. Another suggestion was to ask Textbook Rental if they would put out bookmarks advertising this award. Dean Lanham said that Beth Heldebrandt, the publicity contact person in his office at Booth Library, would make sure all publicity venues were sent information about this program.

IV. New Business

Dean's Report

I. Welcome

II. Public Service and Collection Issues

- Dr. Lanham informed the Board that the Faculty Senate asked the Provost to talk about cuts to the Book and Materials Budget for fiscal year 2015. Dean Lanham explained that the Wiley package was consuming more and more of the library's budget each year with less control on what new journals were added; therefore, that package was unaffordable and was discontinued. However, the library still orders journal articles for patrons when we don't have a subscription. Furthermore, the library retains any journal articles that the library had paid for prior to the date the Wiley package ends (December 31, 2014). There was a concerted effort to insure that each

fund account affected by this cut lost journals that had less use than others. The cuts were not the same for every discipline, as some disciplines are very journal heavy. Dr. Ed Wehrle asked about CARLI and the ebooks the library has access to through the consortium. Dean Lanham explained that in the beginning CARLI paid for the pilot program and Booth Library had access to it, but in December the number of e-books will be reduced. The library currently has 38,000 e-books online at this time. The program will return next fall if Eastern pays for a share of the total cost. In answer to Dr. William Slough's question, Dean Lanham assured him that the SpringerLink was safe from cuts at this time.

- Bill Schultz, a librarian in the Cataloging department and who has been cataloging the archival collection, will be the interim head of Archives and Special Collections after the retirement of Robert Hillman.

III. Programming Events

- The *Revolutionary Decade: Reflections on the 1960s* exhibit and speaker series, which opened on September 9, 2014, had its final event yesterday, December 2. This series was very worthwhile for the library; the exhibits are expected to stay up until the end of the semester.

IV. Planning Issues

Planned Events and Major Exhibitions:

- *Quannah and Cynthia Ann Parker: The History and the Legend*, exhibit and programs, February 20-21, 2015. This will be a two-day, Friday/Saturday symposium, half of which will be presentations and the other half will be films. Other activities will be offered later in the semester.
- *Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War* exhibit and speaker series, September 1 to October 15, 2015, ALA/U.S. Constitution Center.
- *Dust, Drought, and Dreams Gone Dry* exhibit and programs planned for spring 2016, NEH/ALA grant.
- *For All the World to See: Visual Culture and the Struggle for Civil Rights*, exhibit and event series, September 1 to October 20, 2016, NEH on the Road.

V. Financial Issues

- Booth Library has been dealing with costs of personnel, trying to find ways to reduce the budget. Dean Lanham said the library will not be changing hours or removing personnel at the public desks. One civil service person has quit and another faculty member has retired, with no replacements anticipated at this time.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Christine Derrickson, Recording Secretary