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MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
September 10, 2014

Dr. Robert Martinez, Chair of the Library Advisory Board, convened the meeting at 4:04 p.m. in Witters Conference Room 4440.

Present: Jason Hamilton, Danelle Larson, Zhiwei Liu, Robert Martinez, Stu Sallehu, Caroline Simpson, Jenny Sipes, and Ravi Somayajulu

Excused (including Alternates): Ed Wehrle

I. Welcome and Comments

Welcome:

Dr. Martinez welcomed the Board members to this, the first meeting of the semester, with a special welcome to the new members. Dr. Martinez requested that members introduce themselves and state what department they represented.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Dr. Jason Hamilton, and seconded by Dr. Stu Sallehu, to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2014, meeting. The motion carried.

II. Communications

Communications regarding their inability to attend today's meeting were received from: Ed Wehrle; Teri Hunt (left EIU); Chad Carlson (left EIU); Darren Hendrickson (promoted to Chair of the Sociology/Anthropology Department); and James Ochwa-Echel (class conflict).

III. Old Business:

There was no old business to be discussed.

IV. New Business

- Dean Lanham reviewed the Bylaws of the Library Advisory Board, particularly explaining the distinction between the regular members and the alternates and what their duties are.
- Due to Teri Hunt no longer being able to fulfill the duties of the Vice-Chair, nominations were made to fill that position. A motion was made to appoint Ravi Somayajulu as Vice-Chair and the motion carried.
- Another motion was made to grant ex-officio members voting rights this year and that motion also passed.

Dean's Report

I. Welcome

Dr. Lanham thanked the Board for serving this year. He then proceeded to review several of the documents in the packets. Board members were asked to bring this packet to the next meeting for further discussion.

II. Public Service and Collection Issues

- Booth Library has redesigned its web home page and during this semester patrons will find a link at the top, "try our new website," that will redirect them to the beta site. During the spring 2015

semester this new website will be put in place. The major change is that the search option for library materials is now on the home page.

Dean Lanham stated that our library is healthy, and Dr. Martinez mentioned that faculty input into *The Keep* is being read internationally, another standard of success/health.

- Booth Library has steadily increased the number of electronic journals over the years. Decisions will need to be made soon with regard to payment for periodicals, as well as standing orders. At this time it is anticipated that those print journals showing little use will be cut. The Collection Development Committee will make this decision and it is hoped that a budget will be in place before other major decisions have to be made.
- Booth Library's subject bibliographers are striving to increase their visibility and contact with teaching faculty. These connections will bring the library closer to more students to increase their knowledge and enhance their education.

III. Programming Events

- The *Revolutionary Decade: Reflections on the 1960s* exhibit and speaker series opened last night. Nearly 100 people attended the event and it is hoped that this exhibit series will appeal to many on campus and in the community. Dean Lanham also stated that the exhibits that Booth Library hosts provide a chance for faculty to present at a forum other than their classroom. Dr. Lanham specifically invited the Board to attend the program on Sunday, September 14, "The Spirit of Motown," a presentation by Jose Sandoval, an Illinois Humanities Council Road Scholar speaker. The 1960s exhibit is a work in progress, as Chris Kahler's art class will be creating works to be hung on the first floor of Booth Library.
- Dean Lanham announced that two *Booth After Hours* events will be held this fall. The first will be for the Latino community on October 3 and the second will be for the Pride community in late October. Booth Library hosts these events yearly, targeting a particular student audience. By targeting a specific sub-group of students, Booth Library wraps the library message in a way these students can relate to...that being, we are here for their needs.

IV. Planning Issues

- The *2015 Booth Library Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creativity* program will be discussed at the next meeting on October 29, 2014.

Planned Events and Major Exhibitions:

- *The Cynthia Ann and Quanah Parker Story*, exhibit and programs planned for Spring 2015.
- *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

- There are no changes to report with respect to the FY2015 budget.
- The 2014 Redden Grant funding was highly successful on campus, netting approximately \$40,000 worth of books and materials to be added to the library's collection, through grants library faculty and others received to purchase library materials.

VI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Dr. Ravi Somayajulu and seconded by Dr. Stu Sallehu to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Christine Derrickson, Recording Secretary