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MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

January 29, 2014

Dr. Melissa Caldwell, chair of the Library Advisory Board, convened the meeting at 4:12 p.m. in Witters Conference Room 4440.

Present: David Boggs, Melissa Caldwell, Jason Hamilton, Darren Hendrickson, Ryan Hendrickson, Dan Hickman, Patrick Lach, Dean Allen Lanham, Robert Martinez, and Jay Shinde

Excused (including Alternates): Chad Carlson, Teri Hunt, Danelle Larson, Simon Lee, James Ochwa-Echel and Jenny Sipes

I. Welcome and Comments

Welcome:

Dr. Caldwell welcomed the board members to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Dr. Jay Shinde, and seconded by Dr. Robert Martinez, to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2013, meeting. The motion carried.

Other:

Dr. Martinez asked if posters showing last year's winners of the Booth Library Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creativity had been created and distributed as promotion material about the award. Dean Lanham thanked him for the reminder.

II. Communications

Communications regarding their inability to attend today's meeting were received from: Dr. Chad Carlson, Dr. Teri Hunt, Dr. Danelle Larson, Dr. Simon Lee, Dr. James Ochwa-Echel, and Dr. Jenny Sipes.

III. Old Business

Dean Lanham reported bookmarks announcing the 2014 Booth Library Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creativity were sent to faculty with a request to encourage their students to apply. In addition, Dean Lanham was interviewed for an article that appeared in from The Daily Eastern News.

IV. New Business

Dr. Caldwell noted she had not received any topics for discussion under new business.

Dean's Report

Personnel

Booth Library has hired Mark Coe and Heather Wohltman as library assistants to fill vacancies in the Circulation Department.

Public Service Issues

- Todd Bruns, guest: The Keep report on its first two years
Todd Bruns, institutional repository librarian, shared copies of his publication "The Keep at Two." The Keep, launched in September 2011, has been one of Booth Library's big success stories. Todd reviewed the report, much of which compares Eastern's institutional repository to other IRs, and the shows the progress made in the first two years. The Keep provides free access to the scholarship of Eastern's faculty, staff and students; and promotes the institution on a worldwide basis. Currently, The Keep hosts one online journal, and as Todd explained, our repository is based in the Berkeley Electronic Press (bepress) Digital Commons platform. Our agreement permits up to five online journals. Todd believes a second journal will be added soon. Anyone interested in this aspect of the repository should contact him or Dean Lanham. The report can be accessed at http://thekeep.eiu.edu/lib_fac/84/.
- Faculty discussion about electronic thesis issues
Recent faculty concern regarding the online publication of student theses has led to a proposed change in the Graduate School's policy on the distribution of student theses. Dr. Augustine, dean of the Graduate School, and Dr. Lanham, as well as other stakeholders, recently met to discuss a request to change the policy. Eastern understands the intellectual property rights of researchers; however, as a degree-granting institution, Eastern has the right to gather and provide public access to all student theses. For years, graduate students were required to provide Booth Library with two paper copies of their thesis, of which one copy was placed in the collection and the other in University Archives' Special Collection.

The addition of the electronic version has brought concern to some faculty members who argue that their own research projects are often closely entwined with the student's thesis project. Faculty are seeking the ability to request a delay in the online publication of a student's thesis when the faculty member's research and/or ability to publish his/her research results could be compromised by the immediate online publication of the student's thesis. The Graduate School's revised policy allows the student to request a 1-year exclusion period for the online publication of the student's thesis. At the end of that period, the exclusion can be renewed by the student for a second and final year. The revision would allow a faculty member to also have the right to request the delay of the online student thesis publication. The faculty member would be required to inform the graduate student of his/her intention to delay the online publication before work begins on the thesis. These proposed changes in policy will now go before the Council on Graduate Studies for approval.

- **Committee on Open Access**
Dean Lanham has been chosen to serve as convener of the University Open Access to Research Task Force. This committee was formed in response to Public Act 098-0295 passed by the Illinois Legislature in August 2013. The bill directs universities to come up with a plan to deal with the possibility and desirability of making scholarly publications freely available to all citizens. The inaugural meeting of this committee is scheduled for February 6, 2014.
- **Library Science reception at Booth, February 20, 6-7:30 p.m.**
Dean Lanham announced the library will host a gathering of library professionals and others who may be interested in learning more about the library science disciplines. The event will be held in the West Reading Room on Thursday, February 20, 2014, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Dr. Lanham hopes the event will provide a social environment for librarians to reconnect with other professionals, but will also provide an opportunity for students and community members who might be interested in the field of library science to learn more about the types of careers available for graduates of the program. Faculty in several disciplines will receive fliers explaining the event and asking that the information be shared with any of their students who they believe might have interest in the library profession.

Programming Events

- **Muslim Journeys opening reception and program tonight at 7:30 p.m.**

The opening reception for the Let's Talk about It: Muslim Journeys will be held tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Reference Reading Room. Everyone was invited to attend. The series of discussions will be held at Booth Library from January 29 through April 15, 2014. The Opening Program speaker is Dr. Brian Mann, assistant professor of history, presenting on "Islam and the Monotheistic Tradition." Dr. Robert Martinez, vice chairman of the Library Advisory Board, will be responsible for the recognition of faculty presenters and curators during this evening's event.

Planning Issues

- **2014 Booth Library Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creativity**

As mentioned earlier in the meeting, information on the 2014 Booth Library Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creativity was widely disseminated across campus.

- **Use of Library Statistics to Increase Targeted Library Use**
In order to promote awareness of the professional services available to faculty and students by reference and subject librarians, the subject bibliographers have been asked to use a scale of 1-3 to rate their interactions with faculty from their subject areas. This exercise should foster improved communication between librarians and teaching faculty, hopefully leading to more library information reaching students thus enhancing academic success.

- Planned Events and Major Exhibitions
 - Revolutionary Decade: Reflections on the 1960s, exhibit and speaker series is planned for fall 2014.
 - 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.
 - 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

- The Dean had no changes to report about the FY2014 library budget.
- The Dean's office has submitted a proposal for a \$5,000 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant to help purchase books and materials related to the 1960s exhibit and programming planned for fall 2014. In addition, the Library has submitted the America's Music programs for a couple of awards. Dean Lanham is hoping we will hear soon about our proposals.

VI. Other

- Dean Lanham announced the Charleston Carnegie Public Library is hosting a gala celebration, "Black, White and Read," honoring the library's 110 years and the retirement of the longtime library director, Sheryl Snyder. The event is Saturday, February 1, 2014, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are available through their board members or by contacting the library.

A motion was made by Dr. Ryan Hendrickson and seconded by Dr. Darren Hendrickson to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Peggy Manley, Administrative Assistant

For Christine Derrickson, Recording Secretary