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MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

January 23, 2013

Amy Rosenstein, chair, convened the meeting at 4:01 p.m., in Witters Conference Room 4440.

Present: Melissa Caldwell, Gary Hanebrink, Darren Hendrickson, Ryan Hendrickson, Amitabh Joshi, Patrick Lach, Dean Allen Lanham, Robert Martinez, James Ochwa-Echel, John Proffitt, Betsy Pudliner, Amy Rosenstein, Jenny Sipes, Ed Wehrle, and Joy Yao.

Absent: Newton Key.

I. Welcome and Comments

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2012, meeting. The motion carried.

II. Communications

No communications were received.

III. Old Business

It was mentioned that Booth Library has a new link from Eastern's home page, at the top by panthermail and paws. Thanks were expressed to Ed Wehrle for drafting the request that settled this issue.

John Proffitt asked about Booth Library having extended hours on weekends. While this is a yearly question asked on the Library's Patron Satisfaction Survey, taken in the spring, a lively discussion ensued. Patrick Lach shared his school experience of having had access to a study room open 24/7 that was part of the library but could be used when the library was closed. Ryan Hendrickson indicated that he had a similar experience. Dr. Lanham agreed that it was a great idea but Booth Library's structure did not lend itself to having such a room. It was also mentioned that a room used to be available at the Martin Luther King Union for this purpose. Furthermore, in the Gregg Triad, a CATS student lab was once open 24 hours but apparently is not now.

Dr. Lanham explained that he is not opposed to longer hours if resources are provided. The main issue is financial and department budgets have been reduced 25% in the last three years. Second issue is staffing. Former President, Lou Hencken, gave the Library funds to remain open until 1:00 am during the week. The Library uses statistics to show when it is used the most and the stats show that the busiest day is Sunday and it lessens each day as the week progresses. John Proffitt surmised that what students want most is a place to print their papers and a quiet place to study. This issue will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting, with the members providing feedback from colleges and presenting ideas from around campus. Ryan Hendrickson asked the Dean how Eastern's library compares to those of Western, Southern and ISU. Dr. Lanham explained that ISU has a certificate program for librarians and that library can use those students as library assistants. In addition, ISU has two times the population of Eastern and they can collect more from students allowing them to stay open longer.

IV. New Business

Dean's Report

Dr. Lanham introduced Stacey Knight-Davis, the new department head of Library Technology Services (LTS). A handout was provided that listed software available in the computer labs, types of computers, printing options and usage statistics for 2004-2012. Machines in the large computer lab are supported by ATAC. The recent library's ATAC request was approved, and Booth will be receiving new computers, print stations and printers for the labs. Booth Library will also receive two 27" monitors that will be mounted in group study rooms. Printing in the labs is charged back to student accounts and is billed monthly. Web-based printing is available that allows printing from laptop computers inside the building and from any Internet-connected computer anywhere in the world.

Personnel

Dean Lanham announced a recent staff change at Booth Library. Tabitha Brown resigned at the end of December from the Circulation department.

A faculty search is currently in process to fill a position in Reference vacated by Stacey Knight-Davis when she became the department head for Library Technology.

Public Service Issues

A recent gift collection of music scores and books from Ginny DiBianco and the late professor Doug DiBianco is in process.

University recruitment and retention efforts have been discussed at the Library Services Council and Library Faculty meetings. Dean Lanham shared with those groups the ideas brought forth by the Library Advisory Board.

Library Budget Issues

Equipment funds requested by Booth Library, in the sum of \$66,000, were approved by the Provost. They will be used for library technology and media replacements.

Programming Events

- Booth After Hours, honoring EIU's veteran students, was postponed until March 1, 2013.
- *America's Music: A Film History of our Popular Music from Blues to Bluegrass to Broadway*. More than 360 people attended the Opening Celebration on Friday, January 11, 2013. The theatre was full and several persons had to be turned away from the event due to fire safety regulations. Attendance at the program events has exceeded expectations. Six of the events will be taken on the road to area public libraries: Danville, Paris, Marshall, Decatur, Shelbyville and Robinson. Dr. Lanham asked the Board, "How has popular music influenced your life?" Several members shared their experiences.

Planning Issues

Dean Lanham announced that information has been published with regard to the 2013 Booth Library Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creativity. Bookmarks were sent to all faculty for distribution in their departments and notices have appeared in the University newsletter, as well as Booth Library's home page on the web.

Planned events and major exhibitions are:

- *Literature of Prescription: Charlotte Perkins Gilman and the Yellow Wall Paper*, exhibit and event series, September 23 to November 2, 2013, NLM/NIH.
- The Decade of the 1960s (working title), exhibit and speaker series is planned for fall 2014. This is the 50th anniversary of that era. This exhibit will be developed in-house. A meeting was held yesterday and strides are being made.
- *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.
- *The Muslim Journeys Bookshelf*, a grant recently received from the NEH/ALA. Booth Library has received 25 books and three films with which to build a public program or series of activities.

Budget Issues

The FY2013 budget standing is stable since our last meeting.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Christine Derrickson, Recording Secretary