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# MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

## April 13, 2016

Dr. Danelle Larson, chair of the Library Advisory Board, convened the meeting at 4:06 p.m. in Witters Conference Room 4440.

Present: Kristin Brown, Linda Ghent, Danelle Larson, Simon Lee, Hasan Mavi, Sham'ah Md-Yun, and Nora Pat Small

Excused (including Alternates): Jason Hamilton, Lance Hogan, Zhiwei Liu, Gopal Periyannan, Stu Sallehu, Caroline Simpson, Nathan Wehr, and Ed Wehrle

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

A motion was made by Dr. Linda Ghent and seconded by Dr. Kristin Brown to allow all board members present today, including alternates, the right to vote, for this meeting only, in order to have a quorum. The motion passed.

#### Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Dr. Kristin Brown and seconded by Dr. Hasan Mavi to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2016, meeting. The motion carried.

### II. **Communications**

Communications were received from Mr. Jason Hamilton, Dr. Stu Sallehu, Dr. Gopal Periyannan and Dr. Ed Wehrle regarding their inability to attend today's meeting.

### III. **Old Business**

#### 2016 Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creativity:

Those who were present for the meeting on April 6, 2016, (Lance Hogan, Hasan Mavi, Sham'ah Md-Yunus, Gopal Periyannan, Stu Sallehu, and Nora Pat Small) shared in a discussion of that meeting's highlights. At that meeting, each student's submission for the 2016 Booth Library Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creativity program was evaluated. The rubrics were used to rank the entries and the award-winning submissions were selected, as well as decisions made as to the award amount for each winner. The award winners will be honored following this meeting and Dr. Danelle Larson will present the student awards.

### IV. **New Business**

Dr. Danelle Larson opened up the floor for nominations for the positions of chair and vice-chair of the Library Advisory Board for the next academic year. Dr. Larson mentioned that the only email she received regarding nominations was from Dr. Nora Pat Small, who wanted to be considered for vice-chair. Dr. Kristin Brown accepted the nomination for chair; her nomination was voted on and passed unanimously. As there were no other nominations for vice-chair, Dr. Small was unanimously nominated.

### **Dean's Report**

#### **I. Welcome**

Dr. Lanham thanked Board members for their service to Booth Library this past academic year, especially recognizing Dr. Danelle Larson for serving as chair and Dr. Hasan Mavi for serving as vice-chair.

#### **II. Public Service and Collection Issues**

There have been no fiscal changes so the library's Book and Materials Budget is still frozen.

### **III. Programming Events**

- National Library Week is this week, April 10-16, 2016.
  - o Dean Lanham reported that the Edible Book Festival, held on Monday, April 11, was a huge success. There was an excellent turnout and over 30 entries. Those participating included faculty, staff, students and the Mattoon-Charleston community. There were entries from an academic class from which two students received “best in show” and “people’s choice” awards.
  - o On Tuesday, April 12 – National Library Worker Appreciation Day – a small reception was held and a small gift given to Booth Library workers. This was provided by a committee and no library funds were used.
  - o Today, April 13, Booth Library’s semi-annual book sale is taking place outside the south entrance of the library. The book sale was very large this year due to the number of donations given to the library. In addition to the donations, the sale also had recycled books not purchased by the library. All monies earned from the sale will be deposited in Booth Library’s gift fund, for library use. These monies also fund programs such as the Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creativity.
- Planned events and major exhibitions – there have been no changes.
  - o *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. Booth Library will partner with the Tarble Arts Center for this exhibit, with Booth Library’s part being more of the history.
  - o *Learning from the Past: Importance of Museums and Historical Archives*, HA student exhibit and library series, March-August 2017. Booth Library will be working with the Historical Administration professors.
  - o *H<sub>2</sub>O Today*, Fall 2017. The Smithsonian Museum has agreed to rent us the exhibit content, and Kirstin Duffin will spearhead the making of Booth Library’s own exhibit.
  - o *A Century of Citizen Action in Health Care Reform*, September-November 2019. This exhibit from the National Library of Medicine was obtained by Stacey Knight-Davis.

### **IV. Planning Issues**

- Dean Lanham had previously asked the Board for ideas of how EIU and the library can operate without state funding. One suggestion was to reduce the number of hours the library is open including Saturdays and Sundays. Dr. Lanham explained how that idea was not really feasible and while it might help, it would not be a good thing. Dr. Danelle Larson suggested that donors be asked to purchase books that the library needs. In answer to another suggestion, Dean Lanham stated that cutting staff would not help the library; furthermore, the library anticipates several of its employees, both faculty and staff, will be retiring in 2017.

### **V. Financial Issues**

- The FY2016 library operating budget is unchanged. The operating budget has been frozen, except for emergency situations.

### **V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Christine Derrickson, recording secretary