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MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
April 12, 2017

Dr. Kristin Brown, chair of the Library Advisory Board, convened the meeting at 4:03 p.m. in Witters Conference Room 4440.

Present: Wutthigrai Boonsuk, Crystal Brown, Kristin Brown, Jo Gentry, Linda Ghent, Lance Hogan, Nora Pat Small, and Bailey Young

Excused (including Alternates): Carrie Dale, Stefan Eckert, Zhiwei Liu, Sham'ah Md-Yunus, Gopal Periyannan, and Stu Sallehu

I. Welcome and Comments

Dr. Kristin Brown welcomed the Board members to this final meeting of the semester.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Dr. Linda Ghent and seconded by Dr. Lance Hogan to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2017, meeting. The motion carried.

II. Communications

Communication was received from Dr. Sham'ah Md-Yunus regarding her inability to attend today's meeting. Dr. Zhiwei Liu emailed that he enjoyed being a part of the Library Advisory Board and plans to apply for sabbatical next year.

Dr. Kristin Brown noted that she and her family attended the Edible Book Festival Monday evening at Booth Library and said she is looking forward to participating next year and encouraged everyone else to do likewise.

III. Old Business

2017 Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creativity: the award winners will be honored following this meeting and Dr. Kristin Brown will present the student awards.

IV. New Business

Dr. Kristin Brown noted that she received an email communication from Dr. Nora Pat Small stating that she would be willing to take the chair position and nominated Dr. Linda Ghent as vice-chair. Dr. Ghent declined the nomination due to a prior commitment next year. Dr. Ghent further stated that she had intended to nominate Dr. Nora Pat Small as chair. When it was determined that there were no other nominees for the position of chair, Dr. Linda Ghent moved and Crystal Brown seconded that Dr. Nora Pat Small be nominated as chair. A vote was taken and Dr. Small was unanimously nominated. When asked who would be interested in the position of vice-chair, Dr. Gopal Periyannan stated he was interested. Dr. Linda Ghent moved and Dr. Bailey Young seconded the motion to nominate Dr. Periyannan as vice-chair; the motion was unanimous.

Dean Lanham stated that he had invited Beverly Cruse to take pictures of the Library Advisory Board for posterity. A short break was taken to attend to this.

Dean's Report

I. Welcome

Dr. Lanham thanked Board members for their service to Booth Library this past academic year, especially recognizing Dr. Kristin Brown for serving as chair and Dr. Nora Pat Small for serving as vice-chair. A Booth Library desk box was given to Board members.

Dean Lanham stated that as of this final meeting of the semester, he has attended 150 meetings of the Library Advisory Board. Dr. Lanham will retire on June 30, 2017, and the process is underway to name an interim dean. Dr. Linda Ghent thanked Dean Lanham for his service and stated that he was a good steward for the library.

Dr. Lanham was especially pleased to learn that students have written on Facebook or Twitter that Booth Library is their favorite place on campus, and one student stated that Booth Library was the reason she came to EIU.

II. Public Service and Collection Issues

- National Library Week activities, April 10-15, 2017.
 1. On Monday, the Edible Book Festival was held and, while not as many entries as last year, was enjoyed by all. Pictures of the entries can be found on Facebook. Dr. Lanham asked the Board to encourage their students to participate.
 2. Tuesday was Staff Appreciation Day; Booth faculty and staff were honored with food and a raffle was held to distribute donated prizes.
 3. Today, Wednesday, the semi-annual book sale is taking place outside the south entrance of 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.

- The library's Book and Materials budget is just about spent out for the year. The book budget figures for this next fiscal year should be fine because of journal cuts last fall.

III. Programming Events

- *A Question of History: Public History in Illinois*, a Historical Administration student exhibit and library series, March 30 – July 31, 2017.
- Planned events and major exhibitions:
 - *Harry Potter: Celebrating a Phenomenon*, Fall 2017 – Stacey Knight-Davis and Steve Brantley are heading up this exhibit.
 - *Influenza Pandemic Centennial* (tentative), Fall 2018.

- *For All the People: A Century of Citizen Action in Health Care Reform*, September 23 - November 2, 2019.

IV. Planning Issues

2017 Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creativity: some students will not receive checks today, as money was owed in their student accounts. Their library award will be paid to their EIU account.

V. Financial Issues

- The library budget remains extremely tight.
- New media installation in the library's two conference rooms will be done this May. We have been in this new building for 16 years now and the media equipment is aging and having problems. The library is using gift monies and equipment reserve dollars to pay for this new system.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Christine Derrickson, recording secretary