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# MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

## April 17, 2019

Linda Ghent, chairwoman of the Library Advisory Board, convened the meeting at 4:03 p.m. in Witters Conference Room 4440.

Present: A. Desire Adom, David Boggs, Wutthigrai Boonsuk, Steve Brantley, Crystal Brown, Jon Coleman, Stefan Eckert, Linda Ghent, Godwin Gyimah, Zach Newell, Lee Patterson, Jennifer Smith

Excused: Angela Glaros, Bonnie Laughlin-Schultz, Stu Sallehu, Sheila Simons, Jennifer Stringfellow, Seth Yeakel, Bailey Young

### I. Welcome and Comments

#### a. Approval of minutes

The minutes of the March 20, 2019, meeting were approved as submitted. Coleman moved for approval; Brown seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with an abstention from Adom.

### II. Communications

Heldebrandt reported that she had heard from Laughlin-Schultz, Glaros and Stringfellow regarding their inability to attend the meeting.

### III. Old Business

#### a. Awards for Excellence

Ghent reminded the board that the reception to honor award winners will take place immediately following this meeting. Eight of the nine winners are expected to attend. She asked whether any changes should be made for next year's competition. For example, the point totals on the rubrics were very close, so perhaps those need to be revised before judging next year. Gyimah suggested that the rubric contain more explicit instructions, with definitions included for "use of resources," "quality," "creativity" and "research." Patterson and Brantley agreed. Putting the award application on the EIU scholarship web page was a success, with twice the typical number of entries received.

#### b. Faculty Social

Newell reported that there was a nice turnout at the April 3 event, and many responses were received from attendees. The comments were typed and shared with the board. The proposed Faculty Reading Room was well received. Signs will need to be added to indicate it is now a faculty-only space, and key card access was suggested. Facilities has been contacted about the possibility of removing the three bookshelves to open up the room for more tables, etc. Boggs also agreed that the event went well and many stayed around and networked with others. Newell suggested perhaps offering a similar event each fall and spring.

### IV. New Business

#### a. Elections for chair and vice chair

Ghent opened the floor for nominations for the position of LAB chair for the 2019-2020 academic year. Coleman nominated Bailey Young. Ghent seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Ghent then opened the floor for nominations for vice chair. Brantley nominated Crystal Brown. Boggs seconded the nomination, which passed unanimously.

Ghent has contacted Faculty Senate about appointments needed for membership for next year. There will be one vacancy each in the College of Education, and College of Health and Human

Services. The terms of Ghent, Eckert, Boonsuk, Coleman and Smith will end. Adom noted that he will be on sabbatical in the fall; Ghent volunteered to serve as an alternate in his place.

**b. Dean's report**

Newell thanked everyone for their service this year. As a new dean, he appreciated the feedback and said he looks forward to seeing how things evolve. Board members were given a Booth Library commemorative coaster as a thank you gift.

**V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m., and members moved to the West Reading Room for the Awards for Excellence reception.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Beth Heldebrandt, recording secretary