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MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

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Crystal Brown, vice chairwoman of the Library Advisory Board, called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. in Witters Conference Room 4440.

Present: A. Désiré Adom, Steve Brantley, Crystal Brown, Julie Campbell, Jon Coleman, Amy Davis, Lauri DeRuiter-Willems, Zach Newell, Lee Patterson, Sheila Simons, Zan Timilsena, Seth Yeakel

Excused: David Boggs, Angela Glaros, Stu Sallehu, Bailey Young

I. Welcome and Communications

a. Welcome

Brown welcomed board members to the first meeting of the semester. Heldebrandt reported that she had heard from Angela Glaros, who was unable to attend this meeting. Bailey Young has class until after 4 p.m. and will be late to this meeting and others this semester.

b. Approval of minutes

The minutes of the Nov. 20, 2019, meeting were approved as submitted. Jon Coleman moved to approve the minutes; Sheila Simons seconded. The motion passed unanimously; A. Desire Adom abstained.

II. Old Business

a. Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creativity

Brown called members' attention to the important dates that were listed on the back of the agenda. The award application will open through EIU's AcademicWorks on Friday, Jan. 31. The deadline to enter is March 25. LAB members can begin review and judging on March 26. A meeting to choose the winners is set for 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 8. The awards reception will be at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, following the last regular board meeting of the year.

Members were asked to review the revised rubric. The explanation of categories were appreciated. Jon Coleman asked that space for comments be added underneath each category; Heldebrandt will make that change. Steve Brantley moved to accept the rubric as amended; Adom seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Heldebrandt will email award publicity information to LAB members to share with their departments, etc.

III. New Business

a. Dean's report

1. Study room reservation system

Zach Newell announced that at the beginning of the spring semester, Booth launched its LibCal system to allow students to reserve the study rooms on the

fourth floor for groups of two or more. There is a two-hour time limit, and rooms that are not reserved are available on a first-come, first-served basis. So far, the system has gone smoothly with no issues. There has been an increase in reservations each week of the semester thus far.

2. EIU Comic Con

Beth Heldebrandt reported that the first EIU Comic Con will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, 2020, in Booth Library. EIU alum Craig Titley, a Hollywood producer and screenwriter, will be the featured guest. Titley will present a free, two-hour screenwriting workshop (pre-registration is required) and a one-hour Q&A. Other activities will be an escape room; Artists Alley; "How to create a comic book in an hour" workshop with Robert Petersen, art professor; e-sports tournament led by RSO, Ian McCormack, adviser; gaming with Dungeons & Dragons RSO (named 5th Edition) and Gamers Guild RSO; Midwest Garrison cosplay with Storm Troopers in costume, etc.; button making; exhibits, including Petersen art students' work; etc. Lee Patterson explained his plans to lead a trivia contest, with teams competing; details TBA.

Heldebrandt passed around the Comic Con logo, created by student Kyle Ignalaga, winner of the logo contest. Newell said T-shirts were being designed with the logo; however, since it is unknown how many will attend, it is likely T-shirts will be made for volunteers to wear that day and to give as prizes, but not to sell. Brantley said he has a collection of science fiction zines that could be displayed. Patterson said he has Star Wars trading cards, action figures, etc., from the '70s that he is willing to loan for an exhibit. Members suggested contacting anime and related RSOs from other universities to make them aware of EIU's Comic Con. Brown said an email could be sent to the EIU RSO listserv, as well. Seth Yeakel suggested Booth pop-up libraries during the spring semester could highlight graphic novels to help promote Comic Con. Newell announced that the library had purchased Dungeon and Dragons materials to be available for checkout, and the 5th Edition RSO will begin meeting regularly in the CSI space for training and group meetings. Two of the members will be hired as student workers to help with planning and training with the new technology in the CSI.

3. Spring exhibit

Heldebrandt gave an update on the fashion exhibit to be on display at Booth during the spring semester. Katie Shaw and others with the EIU Art Department are leading these efforts. Art students' graphic design and fashion projects will be on display. Programs are planned during Fashion Week, which is the 15th week of the semester (late April). More details will be forthcoming in February.

4. The Big Read

Heldebrandt announced the The Big Read grant has been successfully submitted. Many campus and community partners came together to plan an impressive series of programming related to the chosen book, "An American Sunrise," by Joy

Harjo. Partners included Tarble Arts Center, EIU Honors College, EIU History Department, EIU English Department, Charleston Public Library, Mattoon Public Library, Lake Land College Library, Coles County Arts Council, Academy of Lifelong Learning, LifeSpan Center, and others. If awarded, activities would take place during the 2020-2021 academic year. Announcement of grant recipients is expected in late April.

5. Other

Coleman asked how the snack stations were going. Brown reported that they are now refilling them daily, Monday-Friday, to meet demand. Lauri DeRuiter-Willems said some academic departments are also providing snacks for students, and perhaps they can share information about library snack stations, as well.

Newell announced that the library has a new logo, and he passed it around for members to see. Booth staff worked with a graphic designer in the EIU Marketing and Communications Office to create the design. Several versions were considered, and Booth staff voted on the choices until a final designs – one vertical, one horizontal – were chosen. These new logos will be used for promotional purposes moving forward. Members commented that they liked the logo, and it works well with the EIU logo design.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Beth Heldebrandt, recording secretary