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MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Feb. 19, 2020

Filling in for the chair and co-chair, board member Jon Coleman called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. in the Center for Student Innovation.

Present: A. Desire Adom, David Boggs, Steve Brantley, Julie Campbell, Jon Coleman, Amy Davis, Lauri DeRuiter-Willems, Angela Glaros, Zach Newell, Lee Patterson, Seth Yeakel

Excused: Crystal Brown, Stu Sallehu, Sheila Simons, Zen Timilsena, Bailey Young

I. Welcome and Communications

a. Welcome

Heldebrandt reported that she had heard from Sheila Simons and Crystal Brown regarding their inability to attend the meeting. Bailey Young has a class that overlaps with the meeting time; however, he may arrive late.

b. Approval of minutes

The minutes of the Jan. 29, 2020, meeting were approved as submitted. Seth Yeakel moved to approve the minutes; Angela Glaros seconded. The motion passed unanimously. David Boggs abstained.

II. Old Business

a. Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creativity

Beth Heldebrandt reported that the application was opened on Jan. 31. Eight students have begun or submitted applications thus far, which is a good number for the first few weeks of the application period. Applications will be accepted until March 25. Publicity has gone out; let Heldebrandt know if you would like additional flyers or information. An article about the awards was included in NoteBooth, which was distributed to all LAB members.

III. New Business

a. Research presentation

Kirstin Duffin, science librarian, gave a presentation, "Research with Confidence: A library workshop for minority students." She previously held four workshops with students to encourage resiliency when learning and researching. Two workshops were based on content encouraging resilience. Two included the standard information literacy class content. Nine students participated. Using a pre-test and post-test, she found that students' understanding and confidence in researching did improve overall after participating in the session. Three weeks after the workshop, she sent a follow-up survey to see if the training was effective after the fact. Overall, scores were higher than was reported in the post-test survey. LAB members congratulated Duffin on her research and encouraged her to reach out to other campus groups to include the research session in other campus programs.

b. Dean's Report

1. EIU Comic Con

Heldebrandt reported that plans are coming along for the first EIU Comic Con, which is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 28. About 15 have signed up for the screenwriting workshop with Craig Titley. Ten have signed up to sponsor a booth in Artists Alley. Lee Patterson is continuing with plans to host a trivia contest. Other activities will include an e-sports tournament, Gamers Guild games, 5th Edition (Dungeons and Dragons) games, cosplay, costume contest, exhibits, and a "How to create a comic book in an hour" workshop. All activities are free and open to the public. Duffin shared basic plans for a library escape room with a comic book theme, which will debut during Comic Con. Julie Campbell's digital media students are earning extra credit by creating digital flyers to help promote the event. University Police has been contacted regarding the cosplay and the possibility of fake weapons being present. It was suggested to contact the Charleston Police Department, as well, so they are aware of what is happening in the community that day.

2. Fashion exhibit

Heldebrandt reported that more details about the EIU Fashion 2020 exhibit are included in NoteBooth. Exhibits created by EIU art and design students (including fashion merchandising) and by Booth Library staff members will be installed over the next several weeks, with an official launch date of March 1. A schedule of programming is planned during Fashion Week, April 27-May 1.

3. Center for Student Innovation

Newell reported that the library has been awarded a \$20,000 grant for technology from the Illinois State Library. The award letter has been received. When funds arrive, additional technology will be purchased for the Center for Student Innovation. Two students from the 5th Edition RSO have been hired to work in the CSI for 10 hours per week. The students are helping to determine what other technology, app subscriptions, etc., are needed. They also are working with academic departments to brainstorm ways to use the technology in their classrooms. They also will help us get feedback from students. Seth Yeakel reported that some applications are not available after hours in some of the other academic buildings, so perhaps these can be made available in the CSI. Newell reported that an increasing number of academic departments are expressing interest in using the space. The School of Technology is looking into possibly providing a GA position in the CSI. Newell reported that the \$50,000 grant from the Charleston Area Community Foundation will be used to update flooring, electrical, lighting, etc., in the CSI before the end of September.

4. Strategic planning

Newell reported that the library's Strategic Planning Committee met that morning and finalized the library strategic plan for 2020-2025. This was the

culmination of nine months of work by the committee. Once the final changes are made, a copy of the plan will be sent to LAB members for their perusal.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Beth Heldebrandt, recording secretary