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MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
April 15, 2020, via Microsoft Teams

Chairman Bailey Young called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Present: David Boggs, Steve Brantley, Crystal Brown, Julie Campbell, Amy Davis, Lauri DeRuiter-Willems, Angela Glaros, Zach Newell, Lee Patterson, Sheila Simons, Bailey Young. Zen Timilsena, Seth Yeakel were present via chat only.

Excused: A. Desire Adom, Jon Coleman, Stu Sallehu

I. Welcome and Communications

a. Welcome

Young welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the LAB for 2020-2021.

b. Approval of minutes

The minutes of the March 25, 2020, meeting were approved as submitted. Steve Brantley moved to approve the minutes; Lauri DeRuiter-Willems seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Old Business

a. Awards for Excellence

Young said he thought the process went well, with no technical glitches. Heldebrandt announced that all winners have been notified; their faculty advisers, chairs and deans received a letter; publicity has been distributed; and the winning research has been added to The Keep. Discussion was held about whether to limit the student entries to fewer pages or an abstract only; however, a majority agreed that evaluating the whole paper is necessary in order to better assess the research project. Members agreed that the revised rubric worked well. Further discussion next year may be needed on how to adequately review more creative projects, such as videos.

III. New Business

a. Election of chair/vice chair

Young nominated Jon Coleman to serve as LAB chair for the 2020-2021 year. Angela Glaros seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Since Coleman was not in attendance, he will be contacted to see if he accepts this appointment. Steve Brantley nominated Amy Davis to serve as vice chair for the 2020-2021 year. Davis accepted the nomination. David Boggs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Davis also agreed to serve another two-year term on the board.

b. Dean's Report

1. Virtual Edible Book Festival

Beth Heldebrandt reported that the annual Edible Book Festival, held to kick off National Library Week, is being held virtually this year. Instead of the entries

being brought into the library for judging, photos of each entry will be submitted for online judging. All are encouraged to enter by 4 p.m. Monday, April 20. The book sale typically held during National Library Week is canceled. Brantley announced that the committee is still considering ways to celebrate library staff members since they are unable to hold an in-person event. He encouraged LAB members to share accolades for the library or for particular library staff members on social media during National Library Week, April 19-25. Young suggested that he also send a proclamation on behalf of LAB to EIU administrators to thank library staff for supporting faculty and students during this unique time of online learning amidst the coronavirus pandemic. The members agreed. Heldebrandt will send initial wording of the proclamation to Young for his edits and to be forwarded to EIU administration.

2. Final Exams Week

Zach Newell announced the library will remain open from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday through Final Exams Week. A determination will then be made about whether to remain open during May, when classes are not in session.

3. Final thank you

Newell thanked all LAB members for serving this school year. He said he appreciates their insight and the works they have done throughout the year in support of the library. A gift of appreciation will be distributed later.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Beth Heldebrandt, recording secretary