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MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Oct. 20, 2021, 4 p.m.

Center for Student Innovation

Chairperson Amy Davis called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Present: David Boggs, Steve Brantley, Camden Burd, Amy Davis, Lauri DeRuiter-Willems, Irene Jacobsen, Chloe McEuen, Zach Newell, Amy Paredes, Stu Sallehu, Jenny Sipes, Yordan Yordanov

Excused: Mindy Hurst, Abidalrahman Mohammad, Cori More, Madison Palmer, Anne Thibault-Geen

Guest: Nate Carlson, Booth Library digital literacy coordinator

I. Welcome and Introductions

Chairperson Davis welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the new undergraduate student representative, Chloe McEuen. She is a junior studying biology and psychology. Recording secretary Beth Heldebrandt announced that Dr. Mohammad and Dr. More had indicated their inability to attend today's meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes

Yordan Yordanov made a motion to approve the minutes of the Sept. 22, 2021, meeting. Amy Davis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

III. Old Business

None

IV. New Business

a. Dean's report

- 1. Tour/overview of CSI:** Dean Zach Newell summarized the features of the Center for Student Innovation, including the technology checkout station, Active Learning Classroom, 3D printers, larger plotter/printer, podcasting studio and virtual reality studio. Board members signed the Google Jamboard upon entering the meeting. Newell explained plans to expand the space, with hopes to renovate a storage room south of the CSI as well as the current microfilm area north of the CSI. The Center for Humanities office, led by Charles Wharram, is located within the space, and plans are to expand digital humanities programming, working with board member Camden Burd and the Public History program, as well as social sciences and other academic areas. Newell summarized the pitch competition held in spring 2021, which sought student input on needed hardware and software in the CSI. Steve Brantley demonstrated how he had downloaded the MultiPresenter software during the meeting and

could easily display the screen on his cellphone. This is the type of technology available to faculty in the Active Learning Classroom, and this is great for collaborative group work. Newell noted that the technology checkout station has been extremely active, especially for laptops, MiFi hotspots and digital cameras. Irene Jacobsen asked about the procedure for checking out, using and renewing MiFi hotspots, especially for students in quarantine.

2. **Digital literacy overview:** The library's digital literacy coordinator, Nate Carlson, gave a presentation about his work implementing a digital literacy program in the East Central Illinois area, funded by a grant from the Illinois Broadband READY program. Grant partners include four public libraries, Lake Land College and the Academy of Lifelong Learning, as well as the Mattoon school district. Newell noted that the library is the only Broadband READY grant recipient in the state to focus on digital literacy, and the timing was fortuitous since Gov. J.B. Pritzker has mandated that a digital literacy component be taught in K-12 schools. Newell thanked Carlson for his great work on the digital literacy program.
3. **Grant updates:** Lauri DeRuiter-Willems gave an update on the health literacy program funded by a grant from the National Library of Medicine. Booth Library (led by health librarian Stacey Knight-Davis) is partnering with the Department of Public Health (DeRuiter-Willems) and the Health Communication program (Beth Gill) on the grant. They have identified two students to be hired to oversee the grant program. More details will be available soon.

Newell announced the library just received notification of a \$50,000 grant from the Illinois State Library for a workforce development program. Heldebrandt said this program will function similar to the digital literacy and health literacy programs to reach citizens in the East Central Illinois area with necessary information and details for workforce development. The EIU College of Education's School of Extended Learning and EIU Career Services will lead these workshops.

4. **Other updates:** Newell reported that Evan Kubicek, who teaches entrepreneurship classes, will be spending a few hours a week in the CSI throughout the 2021-2022 academic year. He will be working on programs to foster student entrepreneurship, as well as creating an innovation coaching program.

Heldebrandt announced that the library will have an entry in the EIU Homecoming Parade and a booth at Tent City. All LAB members are invited to walk in the parade with the library; just meet at the clock tower at 8:15 a.m. on Saturday. In addition, CSI staff have organized a Halloween activity in the CSI. Students wearing their Halloween costumes

can come to the CSI for a photoshoot in front of the green screen. They can then learn how to use Photoshop to drop their image into a background of their choosing. Students will be encouraged to share their photos on social media using a specific library tagline.

Newell announced that President Glassman will have a meet-and-greet in the library at 4 p.m. Nov. 17, which is the time and date of the next LAB meeting. Newell suggested that board members participate in this activity in lieu of a meeting in November.

V. Adjournment

DeRuiter-Willems moved to adjourn the meeting; Burd seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Beth Heldebrandt, recording secretary