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MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
March 23, 2022, 4 p.m.
Witters Conference Room 4440

Chairperson Amy Davis called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Present: Steve Brantley, Amy Davis, Lauri DeRuiter-Willems, Irene Jacobsen, Sierra James, Abdul Moh'd, Cori More, Zach Newell, Amy Paredes, Anne Thibault Geen

Excused: David Boggs, Camden Burd, Madison Palmer, Jenny Sipes, Yordan Yordanov

I. Welcome and announcements

Recording secretary Beth Heldebrandt reported that Camden Burd and David Boggs had contacted her about their inability to attend today's meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes

Lauri DeRuiter-Willems moved to accept the minutes of the Feb. 16, 2022, meeting; Amy Paredes seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

III. Old Business

a. Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creativity

Amy Davis thanked board members for completing the judging assignments. All agreed that the entries were very strong this year. Davis reviewed the point totals for the undergraduate division entries and then the graduate division. The group discussed at length the various entries before determining the following winners and distributing the scholarship funds as follows:

Undergraduate division:

- Shane Smith, a history teacher education student, won first place for "War on Drugs Legislation in the 1980s: Failed Policies That Created Racial Injustice." Prize money: \$350
- Constance Young, a political science student, won second place for "Don't Tilt My Crown: The Impact of Hair Discrimination on Minorities." Prize money: \$200
- Ashtyn Wilhelm, a Communication Disorders and Sciences student, tied for third place for "Patterns of Social Competencies in Children with ADHD." Prize money: \$100
- Annabelle Heddell, an HPR/Community Health student, tied for third place for "Growing Up Healthy: A Study on Young Adults and Their Readiness to Transition to Independent Healthcare." Prize money: \$100
- Jerimiah Boyd-Johnson, a political science student, won honorable mention for "The Obstruction of Anti-Lynching Policy." Prize money: \$50

Graduate division:

- Noelle Chubb, a political science student, won first place for “Terrorism: The Case of Donbas and Ukraine.” Prize money: \$350
- Benjamim Eduardo, a business administration: research student, won second place for “CEO Celebrity Status and Readability of Financial Statements.” Prize money: \$200
- Kylar Wiltz, a public administration/public policy student, won third place for “Who Runs the World? Girls!” A Case Study on the Role That Stacey Abrams Has Played in Changing the African-American Political Voice and American Political Realm as a Whole.” Prize money: \$100
- Meghan Wurst, a special education student, won honorable mention for “Adapting Made Simple: A Webinar and Tik Tok Series Focused on Implementing Curriculum Adaptations.” Prize money: \$50

Heldebrandt reminded the board that all are invited to attend the Awards for Excellence ceremony to honor the winners. It will take place at 11 a.m. on April 1 in the library’s West Reading Room. Refreshments will be served.

IV. **New Business**

a. **Dean’s report**

1. **Furniture update:** Heldebrandt announced that the new Steelcase active learning furniture has been delivered in the CSI space. The purchase was made possible by a donation from retired EIU faculty member Newton Key.
2. **Blind Date with a Book:** Heldebrandt reported that the program in February was overwhelmingly successful, with 116 books pulled from the shelves in order to keep up with the demand. The online survey recorded all positive comments about the program.
3. **Library staffing:** Newell announced that the search process for the Digital Initiatives Coordinator/History Instructor is complete, and an offer has been accepted. This position will begin on Aug. 1. The four finalists for the First-Year Experience/Student Success Librarian position have been chosen, and on-campus interviews began this week.
4. **Edible Book Festival:** Newell announced that National Library Week celebrations will begin on April 4 with the annual Edible Book Festival. Heldebrandt encourage board members to enter the competition and/or vote for their favorites between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. April 4.

V. **Adjournment**

DeRuiter-Willems made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Paredes seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m. The next meeting will be at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, in the library’s CSI.

Respectfully submitted by:
Beth Heldebrandt, recording secretary