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MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
April 20, 2022, 4 p.m.
Center for Student Innovation

Chairperson Amy Davis called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Present: David Boggs, Steve Brantley, Camden Burd, Amy Davis, Lauri DeRuiter-Willems, Irene Jacobsen, Abdul Moh'd, Zach Newell, Amy Paredes, Yordan Yordanov

Excused: Sierra James, Cori More, Madison Palmer, Jenny Sipes, Anne Thibault Geen

I. Welcome and announcements

Recording secretary Beth Heldebrandt reported that Cori More had contacted her about her inability to attend today's meeting. Davis thanked everyone for serving on the LAB this year.

II. Approval of Minutes

Lauri DeRuiter-Willems moved to accept the minutes of the March 23, 2022, meeting; Abdul Moh'd seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

III. Old Business

a. Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creativity

Davis asked board members for feedback about the competition and if any changes are needed for next year. All agreed that the awards ceremony and presentations went well. It was suggested that the page limit for research papers be stressed if the competition is held again next year. Students who submit papers that are longer than the page limit should be asked to resubmit according to the competition guidelines.

IV. New Business

a. Dean's report

- 1. CSI update:** Dean Zach Newell invited everyone to try out the new furniture in the space. It has been well received so far.
- 2. Library staffing:** Newell reported that one civil service employee had recently left to take another job. That position will be reconfigured to be half-time in the CSI and half-time in the Ballenger Teachers Center. The CSI also will be staffed moving forward by Instructional Support Specialist Jeff Cranstoun, Digital Initiatives Coordinator Trevor Burrows and a graduate assistant employed by the Faculty Development and Innovation Center. With this combination of staff working in the space at least part time, more regular hours and expanded use of the CSI is expected during the next academic year.
- 3. Race Chat:** Newell announced that librarian Steve Brantley and the library's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee held its first Race Chat on April 12. Newell thanked Brantley for coordinating the event and recruiting several

campus and community partners. Additional Race Chats are planned in the future. All were encouraged to write their comments about race on the Race Chat board in the Marvin Foyer.

4. **National Library Week:** Heldebrandt announced that the Edible Book Festival to kick off National Library Week was a success. During the week, patrons wrote positive comments about the library on whiteboards throughout the building, and special events were held to show appreciation to library staff. The Spring Book Sale was moved inside due to inclement weather, but it was still a successful fundraiser for the library.

V. Adjournment

Brantley made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Camden Burd seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m. The Library Advisory Board officially disbanded at the conclusion of this meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:
Beth Heldebrandt, recording secretary