University Libraries Committee
Minutes
November 30, 2009

Members Present: Brenda Smith, Guenther Hochhaus, Vernon Kisling, Rae Jesano, Leah Rosenberg (Chair), Matt Michel, Cecilia Botero, Mary Thigpen, Reggie Frye

Members Absent: Leda Kobizar, Nick Ballo, Linda Bartoshuk, David Leavitt

I Minutes Approval

Minutes were approved for October 2009.

III Composition of the Committee

Leah sent out a draft to the committee to review, once it’s agreed upon it will be submitted to the Committee on Committees.

Last year we decided that we should have non-library faculty but should foster communication with library faculty by having formal chair of the Library Faculty Assembly. We’re hoping to encourage communication with other units not represented on the committee itself in other ways.

Leah asked for help, under the responsibility section and discussed what Leah added to the document. Suggestions?
  • John said that we should add something regarding OA, and Judy agreed.
  • Leah said we’d like to have more of a concrete purpose.

IV Open Access

Update: Last month we discussed Stephanie Haas’s mandate. We were hoping to work with LFA to work with the mandate already written instead of having to re-write something.

How do we move forward?

  • John said that OA is being used primarily by the sciences, technology & medicine. He thinks that taking it as a template and perhaps directing it towards getting a science faculty to enforce the policy at their own school.
  • Judy suggested each of the members of the committee could take this to their own faculty and get some feedback. There will have to be a faculty senate process & a
university process. Once we have something we’re comfortable with we can run it through University General Council and get some feedback.

- Judy presented a proposal for OA funding to the Provost and the Deans. She received positive feedback on the quality of the OA journals involved. She’s going to the next provost meeting with the deans and provide them with two pieces of information they were concerned about:
  - If we are given $120,000 in funding how will it be administered?
  - What are the impact factors?
- Leah asked if we want to go to one of the senate meetings to show people how the IR & OA works? Judy suggested that perhaps we could get a faculty member that already has something in the IR and a technical person. It was decided that Leah & Judy would come up with a couple more steps before they move forward in presenting to PHAP before our next meeting.
- Do we want to get a presentation to the senate regarding IR and how to use it?
- Footnotes are needed to explain acronyms.

In wrapping up this topic it was decided that John & Judy will get with Rachel & Stephanie about the changes to the OA mandate.

IV    Dean’s Update

- Cecilia Botero is now the Director at the Health Science Center Library.
- In order to monitor the integration of Smathers with the HSCL, Frank Bova asked that a sub-committee out of the ULC be created – but since the HSCL already has an Advisory Committee set up it will be used and it will report back to the ULC with updates. Mary has volunteered to be the chair. Leah will be ex-Officio member.
- RCM & Budget Update: Judy has received and can forward to the committee the very first DRAFT spreadsheet of how library expenses may be charged to various colleges. There are some things happening in the draft that will help us present our overall budget. Judy discussed these figures briefly. The deadline is December 7th for our budget’s to be turned in.