

Library Council
Meeting: Monday, February 4, 2019
Room #506, Coe Library

Present: Bob Sprague (Chair), Andrea Burrows, Ivan Gaetz, Melissa Hunter, Barbara Logan, David Kruger, Cass Kvenild, Molly Marcusse, Debbie McCarthy, Lori Phillips, Tawnya Plumb for Amy Pearce, Shaun Wulff, and Rochelle Hayes (minutes).

1. Call to Order: 3:18

The meeting was called to order at 3:18 p.m. Bob Sprague welcomed the council, and asked the attendees to introduce themselves.

2. Review of Agenda

3. Issues from Library Council (as per Senate Regs.) – (All): Bob asked if there were any Library Council issues to needed to be discussed as per Senate Regs.

A concern was discussed which described an issue involving the School of Pharmacy preceptors having difficulty accessing interlibrary loan materials as well as electronic resources due to copyright and licensee constraints. A question was raised if a statement concerning these constraints could be placed onto the libraries website indicating why these materials are available to university patrons only. The libraries' electronic resource team will address the concern.

In addition, another question was asked if funding could be made available for interlibrary loan users for the College of Pharmacy. The response was that the libraries could explore this option and come up with a proposal; however, they will need to check with the Legal Office so that the university is not put at risk since this is not really a funding issue but rather a legal issue.

Lastly, the question was asked if the libraries website has a library refresher or primer course available for incoming freshman. The response was yes, the libraries does have one and information will be provided.

4. General Library Updates (Ivan, Lori, and others)

a. Searches

The libraries have a few employee searches currently taking place. Two of these searches will fill newly created positions, which will also support new initiatives. The search for a digital scholarship librarian is currently under recruitment with an approximate twenty applicants. The second position is a data management librarian. This position is a partnership position designed to assist faculty with data management as well as data preservation, organizing technology, and incorporating metadata skills. However, we are still waiting for a budget number from the Budget Office. Approval for funding can be difficult to obtain from the Budget Office because

it has to come from special appropriations from the State (Digital Collections Department). The goal for the start of this position will be fall of this year.

The libraries has a staff position waiting approval as well. This position will be a cataloging position and will be filling an existing vacancy.

In addition, the libraries has strong support for the possibility of obtaining another position later this spring or next fall; however, there are no further details regarding this position available at this time.

b. VR/AR/XR

Beginning in December 2018, a series of conversations were initiated from various participants throughout campus regarding initiatives involving VR/AR/XR (Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality, Extended Reality). Attendees discussed what services and projects have existed on campus as well as what are in current operation, who is doing what, and hopes for the future. At minimum, an inventory will be conducted to help define insight into these initiatives with the intent to promote them throughout campus. About 25 people met at the last discussion and an approximate 35 people have shown interest, which includes faculty members who would like to incorporate this technology into their classrooms and coursework. The role of the Libraries regarding this initiative is to determine how we can support this type of technology and make it readily assessable to users. Other major participants in these discussions include ECTL, the Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources, and the School of Energy Resources Data Vis Center. The next meeting for VR/AR/XR will be held in mid-March.

c. Digital Scholarship Center

The Digital Scholarship Center is one of the Libraries' major initiatives related to strategic planning. An action plan has been recently conducted, which will be used to help guide and move the initiative forward. By next April, an edited plan will be in place, which will include benchmarking and an environmental scan. Also, a multi phased approach has been adopted which will include building collaboration capacity in the next phase and will help determine the quantity of space needed. In the final phase, a recommendation for funding for sustainability of the initiative will be proposed which will provide a document that will be use be to appeal to upper management as well as be a cornerstone for moving forward.

A library council member raised the question regarding what the purpose of a digital scholarship center is, and the following definition was provided as a response:

“Digital Scholarship is defined as any scholarly activity that makes extensive use of one or more of the new possibilities for teaching and research opened up by the unique affordances of digital media.” – taken from the University of Washington libraries.

It was added that a Digital Scholarship Center would also help with metadata needs.

d. OER

The OER (Open Educational Resources) initiative has been expanding and progressively moving forward providing small-scale grants to faculty. Since its inception from the fall of 2017, there have been ten projects funded for open textbooks adoptions, with an estimated \$10,000 savings to students. The College of Agriculture and Natural Resources have provided consistent applicants and one faculty member has been using OER for a second semester. The next round of applications for the grants will be due in March, so please share this information with colleagues. Many faculty members are aware of OER but may not know what the possibilities are regarding what they are able to do with it. Examples would be great to demonstrate to faculty, which the Libraries currently have in repository to view. Overall, the goal of OER is to connect people with resources.

A library council member pointed out that this same goal has demonstrated to be true in the prison system where graduate level textbooks are very expensive. The global qualities of an open access type program has been quite beneficial in providing accessibility to resources, especially in the restrictive nature seen in the prisons.

However, another library council member pointed out that open access often times has a negative stigma in some places (such as the College of Pharmacy), so proprietary/purchased resources are often sought out and utilized. A proposal was suggested regarding the need to implement more education about this program due to this existing stigma and if this education could include case studies as well as multimedia. The response was that these type of programs could vary drastically change depending on the nature of the issue and the scope of the project. When applicants apply for grants, they can be very imaginative and their needs tend to vary greatly.

A question was asked if the libraries helps find these applicants or do the applicants approach the libraries themselves regarding OER. The response was that both procedures occur.

e. Other

There will be a discussion scheduled later this month between Ivan and the ASUW students. Ivan will be exchanging information and ideas with them and inform them of any initiatives currently happening or in the near future at the libraries. Ideally, these discussions are scheduled to occur twice a semester.

5. Other Business (All)

Ivan mentioned that a task force was created last year to look at open access policy and institutional repositories. The Task force submitted their findings to President Nichols

and the Provost on Friday to determine if they have any questions as well as gain their support for campus repositories.

The Law Library had recently undergone a re-organization due to the loss of their Director.

Next meetings will occur:

April 8th, 2019, in Coe 506

- 6. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.