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Library Faculty Council Meeting Minutes

4 December 2007, 2:00 p.m., Room 218, Poynter Library

Librarians Present: Marcy Carrel, Deborah Henry, Tina Neville, Jerry Notaro, Patricia Pettijohn, Jim Schnur, Kaya Townsend

Regrets: None

Guests: None

Meeting Called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Jerry

Minutes First formal meeting of library faculty. No previous minutes exist.

New Business:

Librarians have decided to convene as a Library Faculty Council (LFC) to discuss issues related to our professional lives. Faculty members in academic colleges at USF St. Petersburg (Arts and Sciences, Business, and Education) have also held regularly scheduled meetings outside of formal administrative settings to discuss issues of interest to them.

Jerry outlined the difference between councils and committees—and meetings held by faculty versus meetings called by administrators within academic units—noting for example that the Library Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Dean of Poynter Library, but that when we meet as the LFC, we will address our concerns rather than purely operational matters for the building and its employees. Our initiative is faculty-driven rather than administratively-driven.

Patricia noted that Yuri Konovalov has provisionally accepted a verbal offer to join the library as Technical Services and Catalog librarian at the associate rank. If negotiations are finalized, there is a possibility that Yuri may be able to join us by the early part of the spring 2008 semester.

Discussion ensued regarding possible office space for Yuri and general provisions for faculty office space as required by the contract. The consensus is that Yuri, similar to other librarians in established positions, does need an area away from the open workroom that provides him with space for his professional duties, including research. Possible options include the installation of a partition similar to the one that separates the ID center from the Instructional Media offices and the open stacks, as well as a separate office in one of the vacant rooms along the west end of the building.

Librarians then discussed appointments to State University Library (SUL) committees and the fact that St. Petersburg librarians with an interest in such service have generally not been able to secure appointments since Tampa librarians are usually selected. Health sciences libraries and law libraries at public universities are provided membership separate from the main library system at each institution, and New College of Florida is provided membership. However, the exact role of regional campus library participation—especially given our unique position as a separately accredited component within the University of South Florida—should be addressed as the new Dean of the USF Library System comes on board.

MOTION made by Tina, seconded by Jerry: "Librarians request that Dean Arsenault discuss with the new Dean of the USF Library System the possible inclusion of St. Petersburg librarians on the

SUL Technical Services Planning Committee, the SUL Public Services Planning Committee, and other planning committees as appropriate." **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MOTION made by Tina, seconded by Jerry: "Deborah Henry is nominated to serve as chair of the Library Faculty Council." **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Immediately thereafter, Jim agreed to take meeting minutes and serve as committee scribe.

Patricia talked about budgetary matters in collection development, specifically different interpretations on cost resource sharing among the USF campus libraries for electronic resources. Under an earlier proposal based on title-level analysis, our contribution was set at approximately \$149,000/year. Under a revised proposal that lumps materials into colleges (and combines natural sciences with the Tampa-based College of Marine Science) our contribution soars to approximately \$230,000. Discussions are ongoing about our contribution and how the campuses will take into account Tampa students who use our library as their primary library setting. Librarians did express their concern that the formula for the materials budget for electronic resources should not harm our ability to acquire monographic collections and resources essential for our core academic mission at USF St. Petersburg.

Night and weekend coverage of the reference desk was discussed. Beginning in the spring semester, Jim will serve as primary librarian for Saturdays. We may be at the point with Yuri's arrival that evening reference shifts may be split between librarians.

Without discussing the specific person whose candidacy was involved, Deb and Jim mentioned that the process for review conducted by members of the Library Promotion Committee went very smoothly.

The next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 8 January 2008, at 2:00 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Schnur
Committee Scribe