

LIBRARIANS MEETING
Tuesday, October 10, 2006 @ 2:00 p.m.
Library Conference Room

Attendees:

Kathy Arsenault, Jim Schnur, Jerry Notaro, Kaya Townsend, Tina Neville, Virginia Champion, Patricia Pettijohn, Berrie Watson, and Jean Ferguson for minutes

Announcements:

The meeting began with an impromptu “happy birthday” song to Patricia. Kathy then asked for suggestions on how to spend the SAPL funds, including whether the fiction collection should be continued, to which Patricia agreed. Several other items mentioned were color printers, a new refrigerator for the staff lounge, or a research fund. She announced that Zeynep Tufekci had been chosen as the library’s new Administrative Assistant and would start on October 20. Kathy requested that Tina and Berrie assist in getting Zeynep settled that day, as Kathy and Jean would both be off. She asked about the other searches, and Virginia stated that there’d been four interviews for the Sr. LTA and so far just one applicant for the shared LTA. Kathy stated that at a recent library directors’ meeting in Tampa, she’d been presented with a proposal listing all the things Tampa would charge us for so that they could have enough money to hire another position. She then talked to Ashok Dinghra who agreed that it was inappropriate, as St. Pete already sends 7% of its budget to Tampa. Instead, Kathy asked the librarians to think of things they could document to charge back to Tampa, such as Marine Science. Kathy said she’d be meeting with Dr. Durand at 4:00, as we can’t make separate agreements with each Tampa department. Kaya asked about the search for the new dean for the Tampa library, and Kathy replied that there was no committee yet to her knowledge but that there would be a national search. In Deb’s absence, Tina presented her suggestion for strategic planning, in which the departments would first meet separately and then together.

Discussion:

Jerry reported that A/V is recording two classes this semester and assembling and digitizing for another two classes. Marcy was recorded for one of them. A proposed technology fee to support these classes was shot down, as it involves nothing consumable. David Brodosi’s wife is expecting another baby. Lots of IDs are being made, especially for alumni who want to use the gym.

Tina handed out and discussed the results of the Composition I assessment. She would like to give a retest but may not have time. She’s also hoping USF will have its new majors in place by next fall.

Kaya mentioned that Liza Stewart would be leaving USF this Friday, and that it would affect the SNAP survey she’s been working on.

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In regard to Access Services, Virginia said she'd met with Library Interiors about redoing the back room, that Berrie was switching them from the scanner/copier, and that they'd organized the Blackboard software.

Berrie announced that he had installed Ariel and that it would affect scanning. He wants to get with the individual departments to learn their needs. He would like to have new computers in the horseshoe. He mentioned the possibility of a new machine in Tech Services. And he's trying Spam Assassin to cut back on the library's spam.

Patricia noted that Tech Services was awash in books, many from big donations, and they've finished the first group. They've also renewed the periodicals with EPSCO. Everything is switching to online. Jordana and Christopher are both volunteering in her area. She's trying to get more scanners and label printers. She'd also like the "new books thing" dynamically generated.

Jim stated that he'd be making a presentation this Thursday for Professor Vanessa Hilliard's interdisciplinary social sciences class on the challenges facing researchers of controversial topics.

Kathy asked if the librarians had noticed any changes at night with residents now living on campus, and Jim said no. Kaya, however, said that Saturdays were definitely different; both Davis Hall and the cafeteria are closed, so the students have nowhere to go when the library closes.