

LIBRARIANS MEETING
Tuesday, March 13, 2007 @ 3:00 p.m.
Library Conference Room

Attendees:

Kathy Arsenault, Jim Schnur, Jerry Notaro, Deb Henry, Tina Neville, Marcy Carrel, Kaya Townsend, Virginia Champion, Berrie Watson, and Jean Ferguson for minutes

Discussion:

Kathy started the meeting by announcing the dates of numerous upcoming events. The library photo shoot, both group and individual, will occur on March 22. The Survivors Speak exhibit will be set up in the library on March 25, with the reception on April 5. The Annual Review Committee reports will be due on April 3, and Kathy's reports will be due April 13. Kathy will attend ACRL in Baltimore from March 29 through April 1. National Library Week will be April 15-21, and Kathy asked for suggestions for a lunch. President Genshaft's visit to the library will be on April 30. Honors Week will be April 16-20. Partners in Progress will take place in the library on April 27, the same day that the Survivors Speak exhibit is taken down. SAPL's annual meeting, this year to be a luncheon event, will occur on May 4 with Hugh Lafollette as the speaker. Also, Tina will be the speaker for a Town and Gown meeting in the library on March 15. The Faculty/Staff Campaign will be starting soon, and all the money given will stay on this campus. Some of the library chairs are to be recovered, and Kathy passed out fabric samples for opinions. She brought up the topic of the summer evening schedule, at which time Virginia passed out copies of door counts. After considerable discussion, the librarians agreed to a midnight closing for Sessions A and C and a 9:00 closing for Session B. They debated which weekend day to close, Saturday or Sunday, and Tina said she would talk to Elizabeth to see if she can work either day. Regarding the inter-library issue, Kathy visited librarian Joan Pelland in Sarasota in the morning and later met with Blaine Brownell, Ashok Dhingra, and Julie Jakway in St. Petersburg. She'll meet with Derrie Perez at a later date.

Jerry asked about the solar project on the library terrace, and the others knew only that it would involve batteries to retain energy and not be intrusive. He said A/V was busy keeping the fans in the overhead projectors clean during spring break. He had also been working with Tina and David to finish two online tutorials using new Adobe software.

Tina passed out a handout from Kaya on her NSSE survey, just before Kaya arrived at the meeting. Kaya explained that the results represented 5% of the student population. She also expressed surprise at the use of the online tutorials as being higher than what she expected.

Virginia asked about the classification redesign, and Kathy responded that it had again been delayed.

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One of the librarians mentioned hearing a rumor that Tampa's Academic Computing was going to be outsourced, resulting in a lengthy discussion with Berrie about that issue and Tampa's IT department.

Kaya reported that her research interviews have started.

Deb was asked about the search for a new dean for Marine Sciences, and all she knew was that the search had failed and another one would be started.

Berrie stated that the SPAM filters were actively tagging spam and that we are now in a stress testing period to be sure that the server can keep up with the inflow of email. He requested that we please wait to send in reports of false positives until after the mailing lists have been processed. They need to be set so that they are no longer being tagged as spam.