

LIBRARIANS MEETING
Tuesday, March 14, 2006 @ 2:00 p.m.
Library Conference Room

Attendees:

Kathy Arsenault, Jim Schnur, Jerry Notaro, Tina Neville, Karilyn Jaap, Berrie Watson, Anita Lindsay, Barbara Reynolds, and Jean Ferguson

Discussion:

Kathy announced that she had emailed Robert Lugo about the parking situation for the upcoming Grand Prix on March 31 through April 2, and he replied that USF is selling lots but that USF parking will still be free to staff and students. He's in Rome now but will reply further upon his return. Kathy passed around the portion of the SACS report regarding the library, which expressed a concern about the size of the library staff. Dr. Durand had responded, though with statistics from the 1995 college library standards showing that the library was actually overstaffed, but he agreed to allow the hiring of a consultant to evaluate the situation for the future. Kathy has emailed several librarians and organizations for names, but she hasn't gotten any responses yet. Anita mentioned an internal possibility, but the others said it should be somebody external to USF. Jerry suggested the librarians might ask generically on their various lists. Kathy mentioned National Library Week as being from April 2 through 8, a good time for a library luncheon. She was pleased to announce that her suggestion to Tom Piazza for a program in which letters would be sent to parents of graduating seniors asking for book donations to the library was to be adopted. She indicated that Tina had volunteered to head the Health Sciences initiative. In addition, Tina had pulled together some figures for the Partners in Progress to use as library factoids at their dinner, one of which showed 1,300,000 visitors to the Poynter Library since its opening in August of 1996.

Jerry discussed the Access Services search, stating that Tony didn't accept the job because of his wife's not wanting to move. He had talked with Kathy about alternatives, met with the committee earlier today, and had found three people in Tina's pool who might be possibilities. Only one of the three had returned Jerry's call, but that one was very eager with a good background and supervisory experience, so Jerry was trying to set up a phone interview. He was also planning to reinterview another candidate, at which point Barbara brought up the question of whether a candidate from a previous pool would need to apply for a different pool. Kathy stated that she had emailed Barbara Fleischer about that and would forward the email to Barbara Reynolds. Jerry then passed around a handout about the distance learning page, saying that he was doing the voice-over with help from David Brodosi and Berrie, and that the results must be approved by "everybody" up the line through Dr. Karen White. He commented on attending the 21st Century Technology Fair, where he learned that the Net Library audio books weren't meshing with iPods, so he was working with Rue Herbert and Monica Metz-Wiseman to properly market the program.

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Tina said that her search committee would hold a meeting next week to start its first cut out of 57+ candidates for the Reference and Instruction librarian position.

Berrie, along with doing lots of updates, has discovered that the 9000 copier is no longer in production. However, St. Pete Computer has located one and Berrie is working with them to obtain it. He mentioned that Virginia's and Anita's email accounts were experiencing problems due to an error on Tampa's global address list, which is being fixed, and that he had found a server for David Brodosi.

Anita indicated that there hasn't been much demand for cash at the circulation desk, so the library may eventually be able to eliminate that change duty altogether.

Karilyn issued "thank you's" to David Brodosi for the new video announcement with the library staff names and to Kathy and Physical Plant for redoing the library's entrance ways with new runners. Kathy commented that the library was really showing its age, especially the carpet and stairwells and chairs.

Jim thanked Karilyn and Brian for their help with the annual evaluations, stating that the process had gone smoothly. He displayed the compilation of a list of over 75 distinct special collections, expressing his pleasure that the backlog was almost done, thanks to the help of several students and the understanding of the librarians.

Tina announced that Karilyn's retirement party would be held at Deb's house on Saturday, April 22.

Kathy ended the meeting by saying that Derrie Perez would be coming from Tampa to meet with Dr. Durand and then with the librarians on Friday, March 24. The exact time will be announced.