

Librarians Meeting
Tuesday, January 14, 2003 @ 2:00 p.m.
Library Conference Room

Present: Kathy Arsenault, Deb Henry, Karilyn Jaap, Jackie Jackson, Jerry Notaro, Tina Neville, Signe Oberhofer, Jim Schnur, Mika Slaughter, Berrie Watson

Introduction of Guest: Kathy introduced Gary Olson, who recently joined our campus from Tampa as Interim Associate Vice-President of Academic Affairs, assuming the duties formerly held by Winston Bridges. All present in turn introduced themselves, giving a short description of background and area of expertise in the Library. Kathy gave a brief synopsis of the Library's mission, and its functions and capabilities, which include hiring and budget control.

Diversity--In response to Dr. Olson's call for any questions, Jerry asked how diversity was being handled in the 72 searches for new personnel. Dr. Olson admitted that errors in some of the searches have resulted in the searches having to be re-opened. Jerry also wanted to be assured that St. Pete is represented on the Environment and Diversity Council. Dr. Olson said he would look into the matter.

Faculty Equity—Dr. Olson said the funds are available, and he will be working on it soon. He will discuss the subject at Friday's Faculty meeting.

AV equipment and the classroom—Dr. Olson said he has received the Library's AV budget proposal with its emphasis on the "smart classroom." Deb asked that the Library be kept in the information loop concerning classroom equipment and technology needed, and that the whole campus instead of only the Library should share the cost. Dr. Olson agreed that this was important.

Parking Spaces—Jackie asked for 3 reserved parking spaces for the Library night staff, to ensure the safety of those who work until 10 pm and who are finding no parking close to the Library. Deb reinforced this request, pointing out that we are the only department expected to be open late at night, and she also mentioned that Campus Security is not always available at all closing times. Dr. Olson said he will call the request to Dr. Wilcox's attention.

Announcements by Kathy

The retirement of Barratt Wilkins from the Florida State Library has prompted fears of the breakup of the library.

The FISH Seminar, a customer service program, has been rescheduled to April 8 at 2pm at a staff meeting. Karen Wilbur, TBLC's continuing education coordinator will conduct the program.

Kathy distributed campus maps showing the new addresses that have been assigned to each building for location identification in the case of emergencies.

The Library's address is 780 3rd St. South, although our mailing address remains the same as before.

In order to formulate the '03/'04 budget, we need to revisit the Library Strategic Plan.

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Kathy said that she will make up another Library newsletter for campus faculty and asked for article suggestions.

Librarians' comments

Tina distributed a sign-up sheet for the Library's presence at tomorrow's Campus Showcase.

The librarians gave brief reports on the task force, search committee or other activity in which they're involved.

Jerry reported a missing DVD in the Living Planet series, which has apparently been lost in Tampa

Tina cautioned that forthcoming updates in software updates may cause a little chaos and slowdown in Tampa ILL. She will also consider re-wording the website.

Jackie reported that shifting is proceeding well; A-G section is complete.

Berrie has been building a lot of computers, including one at the Crow's Nest. After some delays, the wireless LAN order is finally set. Several electronic forms are now available, and re-ghosting of the public area is next.

Signe and her staff are working through the confusion and uncertainty and loss of material brought about by the FAXON pullout, which is additionally complicated since the company received payment and cashed the checks. Some other firms are negotiating to purchase FAXON after it officially declares bankruptcy, but it will be a while before any resolution is possible.

Karilyn will be distributing a list of McNaughton books from which staff may note preferences. She would like the list returned by January 31.