

LIBRARIANS MEETING
Tuesday, May 8, 2007 @ 2:00 p.m.
Library Conference Room

Attendees:

Kathy Arsenault, Jim Schnur, Patricia Pettijohn, Marcy Carrel, Kaya Townsend, Virginia Champion, Jerry Notaro, David Brodosi, Berrie Watson, and Jean Ferguson for minutes

Discussion:

Kathy passed around copies of a letter from USF President Judy Genshaft expressing appreciation for the meeting with the library on April 30. She then spoke about the need to adapt the "dPlan," the canned disaster plan, for the library. She mentioned a supply list for Jean and Zeynep including face masks, rubber gloves, and flashlights (which David said he could order). She asked that Tina and Virginia, with help from Kaya and Marcy, work on triage plans for the first floor; that Berrie work on technology; and that Jim, Kathy, and Patricia work on regular collections. She spoke of a letter from Jim Gray about 2007/08 FCLA funding and a memo from Derrie Perez about her future absences. She called on Jim Schnur, who passed around an old article with a photo of a former student, previously known for his explosive temperament, who is back in the area and should be dealt with carefully. Kathy announced that a student center had been shot down for the third year in a row, and asked if it might be time to revive the plan for a café in the library. Virginia stated that the cafeteria was to be closed from May 15 till fall for remodeling, but she also wondered about our competing with Starbucks, while Jim brought up possible security and housekeeping problems. The issue wasn't resolved.

Berrie handed out a numbered list of his planned projects for summer and fall and asked if anything needed to be added or changed in priority. Jim mentioned a change in the password for the community and the need to ID those using public computers. Patricia indicated the need to expand her computing area sooner than currently scheduled. Berrie stated that the horseshoe upgrade had freed up some computers which would be used to replace older ones. He also spoke of the need for reupholstering the chairs currently in the media production room.

Kathy had forgotten to bring up a request earlier, the need for volunteers to work with two teams of high school students attending a summer camp at the Poynter Institute who would be making use of our library. Jim offered, as he had done it previously, and Kathy hoped that maybe Deb would do it as well.

David talked about a complaint by a Marine Science student to Robert regarding the presence of coral in the A/V area, as she had just learned that it was endangered. He explained that Kathy wrote a nice letter suggesting the student write an article about the status of the coral to display with it, and she agreed.

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Jerry announced that a faculty-wide strategic planning meeting had been postponed till the beginning of next semester in August, and that meanwhile the faculty should work on identifying their peers. He noted that it would be difficult as our campus is unique—the only regional autonomous campus—but the others agreed on comparing ourselves to Rollins. Jerry reported that Judy Genshaft and Karen White both support a rise in tuition equal to Tampa's proposal to the governor. He also mentioned a renewed lease for the College of Business, approval of a Science and Technology building, and \$300,000 for a nursing program. He told Berrie that the faculty wants the campus webmaster to change the campus web site so that it goes directly to Poynter Library.

Virginia stated that with Candice gone, her position would be filled after running a limited advertisement. She also said that the book shifting would be on hold till our shutdown in August, as we're running out of space.

David said that the Tampa ID Center had been hit by an audit which revealed that the social security numbers are still in the system. Because of that, A/V can no longer stay logged onto the machine all day long, and it takes about two minutes each time to log back on. He noted that A/V would keep the stats on a biweekly basis, with Zeynep reconciling the accounts.

Kaya mentioned that she would be going on vacation to New Zealand, while Marcy said she would be making a presentation in El Salvador.

Patricia's area processed over 700 books last week from a shipment of 1,000, many of them riddled with mistakes in physical processing. She said orders were cut off as of May 1 until July 1. She also mentioned having a new student assistant, Corey Rollins.

Virginia asked a question about ILL bills and was told to continue to do what she does now.

Jim spoke about the search for the Tampa Library Dean, his special collections disaster plan, and the need for protection of the collection of presidential signatures. He reported receiving a call from Mark Greenberg of Tampa about a stipend for a student who will work in St. Petersburg with Jim as the research liaison. And he commented on his assistants, Justin and Keri, as being phenomenal in helping him reduce his backlog. Patricia then noted that Jim will do a lecture for PRIDE early in June.