Library Meeting Minutes, 1/26/2017 (2:30-3:30), Library 622

Members present: John Anderson (presiding), Wendy Bailes Monica Bontty, Jana Giles, Lance Nickelson, Cynthia Robertson, Will Rogers, Anita Sharma, Greg Smith.

Absent and Excused: David Hare, Dusty Mardis

Also in attendance: President Bruno, Brice Jones, Ron Hogan, Lisa Miller.

I. <u>Minutes and Old Business</u>
Anderson called meeting to order and Rogers took attendance.

II. <u>Deselection progress and the Digital Learning Commons.</u>
A. Discussion of the Digital Learning Commons. Robertson gave a presentation about various options for the space, which included the following points

- Plans being considered are based on the ethnographic survey.

- Plans being considered utilize three types of seating: alone, together, and "alone together"

- Several different vendors are being considered.

In addition, Robertson discussed the main source of electronic information which the library will continue to have: the Louis consortium, which offers several options, including journals and monographs.

III. <u>Ebooks</u>

A. Lisa Miller brought a strategic plan for the University of Louisville Library system for the committee to peruse.

B. President Bruno then discussed the continuing push toward ebooks at the UL system level. Bruno first described an initiative at Rice University(Openstax.org/give?student) that utilizes ebooks. Both Miller and Bruno seemed to think the initiative was university wide. Several points, mentioned below, were raised by various committee members concerning the feasibility of ebooks for ULM.

C. Issues with adopting ebooks were introduced by several committee members, including Bailes (the necessity of print textbooks in clinical settings) and Giles (we subscribe to a limited number of databases for electronic materials, for example, we lack access to *Project Muse*).
Discussion continued over ebooks, with Sharma asking if subject liaisons were open to suggestions for procurement of other databases and ebooks. Funding, or lack thereof, is an issue.

Giles then brought up the effect on our workload in terms choosing/vetting texts, if these textbooks are both ebooks and open access. In addition, Giles brought up that browsing and its effect on scholarship was likely not possible without books in a physical space.

Another issue with ebooks was student choice. Bontty asked whether students wanted ebooks or printed books.

IV. Bruno's concluding thoughts
A. The discussion of ebooks ended as Bruno discussed the needs and history of the library. He spoke about the age of the library (the building is 17 years old) and the building's uses, primarily as a warehouse for people, offices.
The mission behind the changes to the library has been, and continues to be, one that reclaims the library as a site of academic and social activity.
For the next 20 years, how can the library continue to develop as a place that offers continued engagement among students and professors?
According to President Bruno, the money for Louis will be protected by the board. But how can we expand upon Louis? The library needs to a dynamic learning environment, and, to that end, the Student Technology Fee could be redirected to supporting innovations in our wireless technology.

Adjournment
Rogers made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Anderson. Passed unanimously.