

University Library Committee

February 20, 2018

Present: Daniel Badoe, Chris Brown, Mark Groundland, Tammy Howard, Judy Hull, Shelia Kendrick, Nancy Kolodziej, Cara Sisk, Kandy Smith for Joe Roberts, Dr. Doug Bates

Absent: Stuart Gaetjens, Cynthia Bryant, Lora Cowan, Deborah Ballou, Madison Cole, Austin Thomas

Welcome: Chairperson Chris Brown welcomed everyone to the spring meeting of the University Library Committee.

Agenda: The agenda was approved with a motion from Mark Groundland, a second for Tammy Howard, and the vote of the committee.

Minutes: The minutes were approved as distributed via email. Mark Groundland made the motion, Cara Sisk seconded the motion.

Dean's Report: The brick replacement project on the library has started. Dean Bates shared a couple of pictures where the brick has been torn off showing the steel beams that are rusting. The beams will be treated with a rust inhibitor, the walls treated with a water sealer, and then new bricks will be laid. The entire building will be re-bricked and the project will last one year. The library and its patrons will be experiencing high levels of noise with the project.

The excavation project for the dirt room is still in the bid phase. The university was able to secure "Best Value Contracting" which means the contractors are evaluated on their work prior to being invited to bid on the project. Approximately seven contractors have been invited to bid. Because the contractors will be pulled from Nashville and Knoxville, the work will be more expensive since they will have to travel.

Dr. Bates gave an update on the library's strategy. Potential areas of growth in the library have been identified. These are:

- 1) Instruction
- 2) Class+
- 3) Testing
- 4) Archives

However, you can only grow within the limits of your budget and the library has reached its limit with the Class+ supplemental instruction program. We have to hire students to serve as class+ leaders who attend the class meetings and then hold "supplemental instruction" classes with anyone who needs additional help. An upper division class has

been offered this semester, and the students seem to participate more than with the lower division classes that have been offered in past semesters.

The library's strategy overall is written as an emergent strategy "driven by opportunistic responses to unexpected events."

Chris Brown sees the library as an academic unit, but it is not treated as one on this campus. Is that the way it generally is at other schools? In Doug's previous positions, the library was either a part of ITS or reported to the Provost's office like we do now.

Election of Chairperson: Chris opened the floor for nominations for the chair position for 2018-19. Chris Brown was unanimously elected. This will be Chris' third term.

Other Matters: Tammy Howard asked about the status of Get It Now. The Get It Now service has been turned back on, although the library now mediates the requests that are submitted through Interlibrary Loan. The Interlibrary loan service meets most people's needs and requests are generally met within 24 hours without having to use GIN.

Adjournment: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes: Sharon Buckner

Approved: 10/30/18