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University Libraries Committee
Minutes
October 27, 2009

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Members Present: Brenda Smith, Guenther Hochhaus, Vernon Kisling, Rae Jesano, Leah Rosenberg (Chair),

Guests Present: Rachel Schipper (for Judy Russell)

Members Absent: Leda Kobizar, Mary Thigpen, Nick Ballo, Linda Bartoshuk, Matt Michel, David Leavitt

I   Minutes Approval

Minutes were approved for September 2009.

III   Open Access

Rachel gave out a handout prepared by Stephanie Haas & Margeaux Johnson on Open Access Week which was October 19-23, 2009.

Faculty are encouraged to go on the DLC website to use the self submittal tool to upload articles into the IR self-submittal tool. Training and statistics are available through the DLC.

If anyone has any questions about Open Access Week, please get in contact with Stephanie or Margeaux. Questions about the submittal of faculty articles should be addressed to Mark Sullivan or Laurie Taylor (in the DLC).

Rachel encourages the faculty to use OA/and the UF IR. The UF Libraries and 8 partners in Florida have collaborated with 8 universities nationally to submit a grant proposal to help fund an Open Libraries Environment (OLE) Project. The funding request is for a 2-year initiation of the process.

What's going to be done to advertise self-submittal to faculty?

Demo's have been done, some of the DLC employees will take the training on the road to different areas on campus.   Any suggestions? No one had any suggestions. Should this go to the Senate as an information item? It was suggested that perhaps an email can be sent out to the faculty making them aware of the UF IR and that a short (10 minute) demo may be requested to be placed on the Senate agenda.

Stephanie has drafted a mandate on Open Access (OA) & it was passed out to the group.   The group discussed the mandate and what changes could be made to make it better and more understandable. Leah said that we'll need to explain what things stand for and define some of the terms used.

Judy is working on trying to get funding for Open Access journal fees for the faculty, so that the library can pay the fee's associated with publication in certain journals.

Recommendation:
- Introduction
- ABC on how to submit

Any further comments: Rae said that the libraries got a multi institutional grant working with VIVO (NIH Grant) that is tied into GatorScholar. It's a directory of researchers, so you can go in and search for other researchers interested in your field.

IV   Committee Composition

Leah reviewed 2005-2006 documents & noted that they were dealing with the same issues we are today.

Three main concerns at the time were:
1. Disproportion of Faculty
2. Not showing up for meeting
3. Not representative of Senior Faculty (Chair should have Tenure)

Last year, there was an issue of conflict of interested & it was decided that library faculty would not sit on the committee as voting faculty.

In 2005-06 it was thought that they should increase the size of the committee to 13/14 people so that people could attend from different colleges.

We'd like to have a more active relationship with the faculty and the library faculty. Maybe the ULC's job is to foster that relationship in some way. Faculty should be educated so they know what the library does so that when we go into the RCM model to show the faculty why they are being taxed. Leah asked the group if we should have a task force? Rae suggested that perhaps members could attend their own faculty meetings to give updates.

An informational item: Student members do vote.

The group discussed the Dean of Library as an official ex-officio member because the Committee on Committee said that the ULC should be a faculty meeting & they should meet regardless if the Dean can attend.

November 12, 2009 Leah is meeting with the Committee on Committee to report what was discussed. She will recommend that the chair has tenure status and we're keeping the member status as is.