

University Libraries Committee
Minutes
September 28, 2009

Members Present: Judy Russell, Brenda Smith, Guenther Hochhaus, David Leavitt, Vernon Kisling

Guests Present: Stephanie Haas, John Ingram, Margeaux Johnson, Wallace McLendon, Charlie Guy (IFAS)

Members Absent: Leda Kobizar, Mary Thigpen, Nick Ballo, Linda Bartoshuk, Rae Jesano, Leah Rosenberg (Chair), Matt Michel

I Minutes Approval

Minutes were approved for August 2009.

II Budget

Judy reports that there is really no new information to report in regards to the budget.

The Provost would like to budget \$18 million in renovations for a student common area in an existing building on campus. This building is yet to be determined and they are thinking of making the building open 24/5. Judy will update the group when she knows more.

\$8 million of the short fall is being assessed back, the library may see additional budget cut of \$277,500. It was thought that we could use some tuition increase money to fund some library staff salaries.

III HSCL Update

Judy, Wallace & Leah spoke with Frank Bova and he would like them to create sub-committee out of ULC regarding the HSCL integration. Wallace already has a task force in place, it is Frank's idea to merge what was already in place to form this sub-committee. They'll meet twice in the fall & twice in the spring & report to ULC members.

IV Open Access

Judy updated the group about the idea of becoming a member of an OA organization. One of the places we could have a membership is Biomed, membership costs: \$12,000 a year and we'd save about 15% in fees (regular \$1700 per article). Another is Public Library of Science,

membership costs: \$5000 a year and we'd get a 10%-15% discount in fees (regular \$1500-\$3000 per article).

Judy asked if she should present this to the DSR and the Provost to get funding ? The group all agreed that it was a good idea. Judy will report back to the group when she has more information.

Open Access Week: Judy emailed everyone information on Open Access recently; and asked that the email is forwarded to other interested parties. Stephanie said that there will be lots of posters that highlight OA.

Other Comments about Open Access:

- Sparky Awards – student presentation of videos about the value of information sharing. Prizes will be handed out.
- Brenda Smith said that she talked with Dr. Brophy about OA and he suggested that we avoid one policy fits all. Stephanie said that no one is asking for someone to give up their creative rights that they could receive further revenue for. The idea was to get more research results and getting the information faster.

Judy asked if John wanted to share anything with the group that he heard at the recent Open Access meeting he attended. He will send the group an email about his findings.

What are the next steps?

- Leah is working on a policy statement draft to present to the group. Judy suggested that this draft be sent out to the group before our next meeting, so everyone would have a chance to review it prior to meeting again.
- Brenda asked if the College of Fine Arts doesn't participate in Open Access, does that mean it's a failure? Judy said that it wouldn't mean that at all, most OA journals are science based though she doesn't want to exclude the arts.