University of Arkansas Libraries

Admin Group
Meeting Summary
May 13, 2010
Dean’s Office, 2:30

Present: Dean Allen, Alberta Bailey, Ben Carter, Judy Ganson, Juana Young, Anne M. Candido

Alberta Bailey distributed a draft of the fall 2010 library hours. Dean Allen questioned whether the library needed to be opened on Labor Day since it is a University holiday, but Alberta explained that the next day is a class day and students will need to prepare for their classes. Dean Allen asked for some use statistics for days the University is closed to help determine whether keeping the library open is necessary on those days.

The group discussed briefly the report and proposal from Lora Lennertz-Jetton about the film series that occurred in April during National Library Week as well as the possibility of continuing a film festival at a different time of year (perhaps the fall) in the future. Dean Allen indicated that she thought it would be fine to continue a film festival at a different time during the year, but she and Alberta thought it would be best to create a special Committee to plan the festival, to create a proposed budget if needed, to create a focus for the series, and to incorporate the series into an academic program as much as possible, inviting speakers, faculty, and students in certain classes, etc. She also asked the members of the Admin Group show their support and attend the series as faithfully as possible, as well.

The group supported the proposal from the InfoLinks Review Committee and that InfoLinks begin to be referred to solely as “the Catalog” since InfoLinks is no longer a meaningful or helpful name.

Juana reported that Vice Chancellor Pederson’s office is requesting an inventory of our library’s holdings to evaluate how accurate our statistics are. Apparently even reporting on the success of locating or accounting for materials from a sampling of just a hundred catalog records is considered to be statistically valid as long as the sampling is completely random. Judy Ganson said she could provide such a random sampling.

Judy presented to the group the recommendation from the OG2b (Digital Search Product) committee that the Ebsco Integrated Search product (a federated search platform) be adopted. This recommendation came after the committee and several subject librarians evaluated several products offering the same kind of service, including discovery service platforms. The federated search platform was preferred over the various discovery platforms. The Ebsco Integrated Search product would cost $1,000 for all the Ebsco databases together, plus $200 for each additional database per year. Because of licensing restrictions limiting the number of simultaneous users, not all the databases the library owns can be included in this consolidated search tool. Dean Allen said she would like to have more discussion of this issue in the next meeting of department heads, which will be scheduled the week of May 17.
Ben Carter announced that the library’s Annual Fund drive raised $114,000 this year.

Juana was to give an update on the progress of the facilities/furniture plans for the Extreme Makeover project. She reported, however, that she and the IT people have not yet heard anything from the furniture/computers/equipment people to provide any useful information. She will keep the group updated as soon as more information becomes available.

Anne Marie Candido reported that Molly Boyd is creating a postcard to be given to prospective students during orientation which outlines the new facilities that will be available by fall semester 2010. It features a photo of “Big Red” sitting in one of the comfortable seats in Mullins and says that Mullins Library is his favorite place to study and that “it’s going to get even better”!

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