Admin Group
Meeting Summary
October 14
Dean’s Office, 2:00

Present: Dean Allen, Alberta Bailey, Judy Ganson, Juana Young, Anne Marie Candido

It was decided that Tony Stankus and Necia Parker-Gibson would be the USAIN contact librarians listed on the AgNic web page. Tony would be the contact for promotion and tenure issues. Necia would provide the training for AgNic.

Juana distributed a possible budget for Systems for discussion, and various equipment needs were discussed, including changing out twenty-five old out-of-warranty computers for new ones. Also, it was recommended that Computing Services be contacted about upgrading scanners in the Learning Commons. The current ones take a long time to use. Dean Allen said she would ask the University administration for $300,000 for technology upgrades and replacements.

Dean Allen showed the group the Provost’s recent “New Faces” publication highlighting the University’s new faculty. This publication will be issued annually. Dean Allen asked that it be distributed to the subject selectors to help them become acquainted with new faculty.

Dean Allen discussed how the library should comply with the Provost’s and Chancellor’s request for a timeline for our achieving ARL status. We need to discover what it will take to get there and then how long will it take. The emphasis of the University’s mission is shifting more and more to research and how that will improve the economic development of the state. How is the library aligned with this mission and what do we need to look like five years hence? Dean Allen said she would like to have a report in the Provost’s hands by November 15. The Group will take a look at the previous ARL report and statement. The directors will provide the lion’s share of work on this report, but with the help of key library personnel.

Dean Allen mentioned that the library is already probably where it needs to be in terms of staffing ratios for ARL status, but it is important that we make best use of existing faculty and staff and be sure we are not underutilizing people’s talents within the library. We need a clear and more focused direction regarding digitizing our special collections and we need to figure out how this direction might fit in the national picture. Perhaps we can make use of existing staff for digitizing. Lora Lennertz has already consented to take a leading role in getting the Mary Parler collection digitized.

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