University of Arkansas Libraries
Library Council, Wednesday, July 27

Present: Dean Carolyn Allen, Jeff Banks, Angela Black, Molly Boyd, Cheryl Conway, Donna Daniels, Judy Ganson, Necia Parker Gibson, Bridget Penrose, Julie Thacker, Carol Warriner, Juana Young, and Tim Zou.

Dean’s Updates:
The membership of the Library Council will be re-formed before the next meeting. Julie Thacker, who is the new chair of the Staff Concerns Committee, will be one of the members of the newly formed council and is attending this meeting. The new council will be charged with discussion of the reports from the Organizational Development and Strategic Initiatives Committees. Faculty and staff will also be included in these discussions.

Provost Sharon Gaber liked the Film Series held during April to commemorate Library Week last year and especially liked that we had faculty members introduce each film with a brief lecture.

The Chemistry Library will be eliminating Sunday hours. Door counts for last year were 580 persons counted on Sundays, making the numbers of researchers are so low that it is not cost effective to keep the library open.

The provost’s policy for new academic programs now reflects the change requiring departments to fund library materials needed to support the new program.

The Librarian in Residence position garnered more than ninety applications, and applications are currently being reviewed by the search committee. The chair of that committee is Necia Parker-Gibson, and other members are: Angela Black, Vera Ekechukwu, Cedric Kenner of the Multicultural Center, and Tim Zou.

The Director of Development position has been posted. Mark Power is the chair of that committee, and other members are: John Tolleson, Brenda Brugger, Juana Young, and Tim Nutt.

The University will hold December graduations. One third of faculty members will attend each of the graduation ceremonies. The Faculty Concerns Committee will plan the participation of the Libraries’ faculty.

The dean indicated John Diamond of University Relations has announced a joint project with Cumulus Broadcasting to post thirty second radio spots for the national “Putting American Back to Work.” Each spot showcases a connection between the University of Arkansas and employers in the state, such as research grants at the university that spawned a business. The spots will run in the Northwest Arkansas area including Fort Smith and on five radio stations in the Little Rock area.

The National Science Foundation released data on research grants awarded to state institutions, with a graph of research and development expenditures from 2002 to 2009. The University of Arkansas led the state until UAMS obtained more funding in 2006. These two campuses obtained the bulk of the funding awarded in Arkansas.
The enrollment projection for Fall, 2011 is 23,000 with 4400 new freshmen. Using current growth patterns, the enrollment for Fall, 2013 is projected to be 25,192. The increases mean the campus must provide 719 additional seats for 1000 level classes, and 2000 seats for 2000 level classes. Courses will be spaced out throughout the day rather than bunched up in the morning and early afternoon to relieve congestion in the facilities. Using a percentage of the campus population as a guide, we should be providing 2500 seats in the library for students and researchers. Currently we have approximately 1500 and are adding 154 on level four as a part of the Extreme Makeover Task Force renovations. We can help manage the influx of students by using resources online.

**Individual Member Reports:**

**Juana Young:** Travel allocations have been awarded to those who applied. Equipment requests are under review. Annual statistics are done, except those from the Law Library. The data forms for collections will be reviewed to determine what essential data must be collected for national reporting and assessment. For the Extreme Makeover renovation project, phase two, the excess shelving has been removed from level 4 and the Ps are in the process of moving from level 1 to level 4. The hope is to have them all moved before the fall term begins. The furniture for the emptied areas has been ordered and is scheduled to be delivered the week before the fall term begins. Furniture has also been ordered to replace the 2 and 4 seat mini carrels. The walls will be painted to match the furniture in the only bay without paneling.

**Jeff Banks:** Departments will craft rotations for the librarian in residence. Carol Gattis of the Honors College gave a presentation regarding grants for faculty working with Honors students on July 27. Library faculty are required to work with a sponsoring faculty member of the student’s home college. Faculty and staff are encouraged to finalize their openings for student work study positions.

**Judy Ganson:** The library has its first cloud hosting with ILLiad. The server formerly used to house ILLiad is being used to back up Giovanni. The statistics for the Libraries’ Web page show an increase, due in part to the federated Ebsco search.

**Cheryl Conway:** Cataloging is busy changing records for the materials being moved to offsite storage at LISA. They are also getting ready to implement a system to digitize interdepartmental forms using EmPower software. Staff are testing a prototype with one workflow system. This is being undertaken to reduce the paper consumption.

**Carol Warriner:** Acquisitions is currently ordering Reserve materials for the fall semester.

**Angela Black:** The Staff Senate is currently reviewing the mileage rate paid by the state, which has not changed since gasoline was $1.84 a gallon. They are also working to streamline the conflict of interest forms to post public information in a centralized database but also to keep private information separate. The legislature ruled there would be no sick leave buyout for non-classified staff at the end of their employment, as the cost of such a program is too prohibitive. The Merit pay for 2012 is under review. Individuals may subscribe to the Staff Senate newsletter from their Website at [http://staffsenate.uark.edu/](http://staffsenate.uark.edu/).

**Donna Daniels:** On the week of August 8, Tim Zou, Donna Daniels, and Tess Gibson will provide four training sessions for consolidated desk service. Ann Raines of the Enhanced Learning Center will provide supplemental instruction during the evening hours in 372B.
Tim Zou: The current shifting will increase the use of the P collection. Graduate carrels can now be checked out to students and renewed online.