Minutes of Public Service meeting
February 11, 2009, 9:00 a.m. – 9:25 a.m.
Room 486

Present: Alberta Bailey (Chair), Tess Gibson, Gale Golden, Lynaire Hartsell, Phil Jones, Elizabeth McKee, Karen Myers, Kareen Turner, Michele Tabler, Tim Zou and Luti Salisbury.

The Chair discussed the new inclement weather policy which require that classes, offices and services at the University of Arkansas begins at 10 am but staff identified as performing weather essential services should report as regularly scheduled unless advised otherwise by their supervisor. Discussions centered on whether the library is an essential service. Since the library is opened late at time beyond when classes are closed, there needs to be a mechanism to decide when to close the library on nights and weekends in case of severe weather. The majority of those present felt that the library should be closed until 10 a.m. in the morning if that is dictated by the university.

Further enhancements are needed in the libraries’ weather policy and a committee has been established to make recommendations to the administration. That information will be distributed to everyone when the policy is revised.

The meeting ended at 9:25 so that members of the committee may attend the staff recognition award recognition ceremony where Jeremy S. Smith of the CHBC library was being recognized as the University staff employee of the quarter.

The next meeting is February 18th when the focus of the meeting will be the articles on technology.

Respectfully submitted

Luti Salisbury
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Reviewed by Alberta Bailey
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