

University Senate Libraries Committee

Meeting – March 24, 2015 (Watson 455 from 1:00-2:00pm)

Present: Heather Abernathy, Mary Ann Baker, Sean Barker (note-taker), Pam Crawford, Judith Emde (guest), Courtney Foat (guest), Robert Hanzlik, Meredith Huff, Chad Kraus, Yan Li, Craig McLaughlin, Kent Miller (Interim Co-Dean), Jin Seok Pyone, Mary Roach (Interim Co-Dean), Marlesa Roney (Chair), Colin Roust, Sherry Williams, Carol Woods

Absent: Shawn Alexander, Katie Meister, Amy Mendenhall, Adam Moon, Doug Ward, Douglas Walker, Michael Walker

I. Welcome & Introductions

Chair Marlesa Roney thanked the members of the committee for their service this academic year.

II. Deans' Update

Dean Search Update:

Interim Co-Deans Kent Miller and Mary Roach shared that the Provost Office is in the process of appointing members to the search advisory committee and selecting a recruitment firm. We believe that candidate interviews will likely take place at the beginning of the fall semester and expect that the position will be posted soon.

From 2/23/15 meeting:

Interim Co-Dean Mary Roach noted that the Provost will launch the library dean search soon. A request for proposals has been forwarded to executive search firms, and bids were recently received. In January, we prepared both a draft PD and a list of recommended names – both internal and external – to serve on the search advisory committee and shared it with the Provost's Office. The Provost also sent out a campus-wide call in early February inviting individuals to express interest in serving on the committee. We believe that the Provost Office will review both the list we provided along with these additional names to make the final decisions regarding committee selections. The Provost also announced that the search advisory committee would be chaired by Saralyn Reece Hardy, director of the Spencer Museum of Art. We can anticipate more news as the position description is released and advertising begins.

Budget Update:

Kent and Mary reported that there is no new news regarding the recent allotment imposed by the governor for FY15. All campus units are engaged in providing scenarios for a potential 5-7% cut for FY16; Kent and Mary are currently working with their leadership team to explore options.

From 2/23/15 meeting:

Along with other units on campus, KU Libraries received word just over a week ago of an impending FY15 budget cut imposed by the governor on the university. The libraries' portion will be comparable to last year's cut, which occurred around this time and was approximately \$100,000. As we understand, this is not a base cut, and we believe it can be covered by salary

savings. The state of Kansas clearly anticipates some budget challenges which will impact our budget next year (FY16). In the past, decisions about how cuts are made are left entirely to our discretion – aside from the caveat that we’ve typically been asked to hold the collections budget harmless.

Technology Support from Central IT Update:

Kent and Mary noted that things are going well with regard to the three IT positions that have been filled (which report to central IT with a dotted line to the Libraries). Communications are being fine-tuned and there is forward movement on collaborations with IT and others on campus (for example, discussion of potential digital object repository solutions in support of the Libraries, Art History Department and the Spencer Museum).

III. Communications Update

Rebecca Smith, executive director of communications and advancement, provided an overview of the KU Libraries communication plan (see attached presentation slides). Her office is tasked with increasing awareness of services and resources among current and potential users; raising the international profile of KU Libraries; and managing all marketing, PR and media relations strategies and tactics via a library-wide strategic communications plan. She highlighted faculty communications and provided an outline of goals, key messages, and tactics regarding these stakeholders. She also shared 2015 areas of focus, including support of Research & Learning Centers, the Shulenburger Office of Scholarly Communication & Copyright, and budget discussions and content implications.

IV. Review Final Report Draft

The committee reviewed and approved the draft final report, which notes progress regarding its charges. The group agreed to recommend reactivating the specific charge to monitor the library reorganization again in FY2017 after a hiatus since things appear to be going well at the moment (all major services continue to be provided).