

University Senate Libraries Committee

Meeting – October 22, 2014 (Watson 455; 9:00am-10:00am)

Present: Heather Abernathy, Mary Ann Baker, Sean Barker (note-taker), Mike Broadwell (guest), Pam Crawford, Erin Ellis (guest), Judith Emde (guest), Courtney Foat (guest), Kim Glover, Scott Hanrath (guest), Lorraine Haricombe (Dean), Meredith Huff, Yan Li, Craig McLaughlin, Kent Miller (guest), Jin Seok Pyone, Mary Roach (guest), Marlesa Roney (Chair), Colin Roust, Shannon Royer (guest), Beth Whittaker (guest), Carol Woods

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

I. Introductions

The members of the committee and guests introduced themselves.

II. Review of committee charges & processes

Chair Marlesa Roney led a review of the committee charges and processes for FY15.

III. Dean's Update & Discussion

Dean Haricombe announced that she recently accepted the position of Vice Provost and Director of Libraries at the University of Texas at Austin. She has served as Dean of Libraries at KU for 8 years; her last day in the office will be Friday, December 12. Mary Roach and Kent Miller (now serving as Associate Deans) will share the role of interim co-deans upon Dean Haricombe's departure. She underscored that KU Libraries is well-positioned for the future and highlighted the significant leadership experience of Roach and Miller. She expects that a national search for a dean will be launched at a future point and has been asked to contribute to the position description. Dean Haricombe also praised her library colleagues, as well as noted her appreciation for Chair Roney's leadership and for the committee's role as an advocate for KU Libraries.

Dean Haricombe shared general information about KU Libraries faculty and staff and the six libraries on the main campus and the Annex facility on west campus. She also described the user-centered organization structure initiated in May 2013 as a result of a strategic planning process. She noted that KU Libraries has six active searches at the moment, which should be completed before December.

Dean Haricombe asked fiscal officer Shannon Royer to provide an overview of the KU Libraries budget (see attached slides), including a summary of sources and uses of funds.

IV. Consultant Model/Reorg. Update & Discussion

Assistant Deans Erin Ellis, Judith Emde, and Beth Whittaker provided information regarding the consultant model, a component of the recent reorganization intended to better capitalize on resources and new services to support teaching, research and learning at the university. The new structure is organized by services rather than by subject in order to ensure that we're best positioned to support the needs of faculty and students. Expertise is now leveraged in new, more purposeful ways.

They encouraged the following strategies to get assistance:

- If you have a contact within the libraries already, please feel free to reach out to that person. In some cases, that individual may connect you with another librarian or staff member better suited to assist you.
- Use a web form for library instruction requests (http://dept.ku.edu/~appslibk/instruction_class/).
- The Research & Learning division provides research support and will work with you to determine the best plan for your needs (<http://lib.ku.edu/research-help>).
- Contact Lea Currie (lcurre@ku.edu) as a starting point for collections questions.
- Send inquiries to Ask a Librarian (<http://lib.ku.edu/ask-librarian>)—they will be directed to the individual best-suited to assist you. For an overview of libraries services, see: <http://lib.ku.edu/services>

V. New Business

Marlesa noted the following as potential topics for the next meeting:

Update on communications plan
Quick overview of strategic plan
Quick demo on Open Access & ScholarWorks

Fall semester key dates:

Open meeting for KU Libraries faculty & staff: Tuesday, November 4, 9-11am in Watson 455

Next meeting: Monday, November 17, 1-2pm in Watson 455

By 12/1/14 – Report issues and recommendations for action (re: open meeting with Libraries faculty and staff) to SenEx