SenEx Committee on Libraries
Meeting – February 20, 2014 (Watson 455; 10:00-11:00am)

Present: Mary Ann Baker, Sean Barker (note-taker), Mike Broadwell (guest), Lea Currie (guest), Erin Ellis (guest), Judith Emde (guest), Scott Hanrath (guest), Lorraine Haricombe (Dean), Rhonda Houser, Alicia Levin, Marie-Alice L'Heureux, Yan Li, Deb Ludwig (guest), Kent Miller (guest), Adam Moon, Mary Roach (guest), Marlesa Roney (Chair), Keith Russell (guest), Jessica Small, Douglas Walker, Doug Ward, Beth Whittaker (guest)

Absent: Shawn Alexander, Pam Crawford, Jasmine Estrada, Ron Francisco, Robert Hanzlik, Minyoung Kim, Mechele Leon, Amy Mendenhall

Agenda Items II-V are based on the committee recommendations shared in Chair Roney's report from December 2013.

I.   Approval of November 20, 2013 meeting minutes

The minutes for the 11/20/2013 meeting were approved.

II.   Overview of Reorganization Assessment Plan & Discussion

Dean Haricombe provided an overview of the reorganization assessment plan. Five 1.5 hour focus groups are scheduled to take place between March 3 and March 10. The focus groups will be facilitated by Mike Broadwell, Executive Director of the Office of Administrative Services, who will prompt participants to consider positive outcomes of the reorganization, unresolved issues related to the reorg.(including strategies for resolving them), and aspirations for KU Libraries as it moves forward with its strategic plan.

III.   Update on Specialized IT needs of KU Libraries & Discussion

Dean Haricombe noted that KU Libraries and KU IT leadership will meet in mid-March to review progress on the plan drafted last year regarding areas that IT will support and the hires that will be made to support the Libraries.

IV.   Overview of Position Reclassifications for Past 3 Years & Discussion

Although KU Libraries waited 2 years for approval to move forward, we recently successfully hired a data services librarian and are currently in the phone-interview phase for the metadata librarian position. In the last three years, KU Libraries has also hired an E-Science Engineering Librarian and a Librarian for Spanish, Portuguese, Latin American, and Caribbean Studies. All requests for KU tenure track faculty positions are subject to scrutiny in the Provost's office, including the library. Dean Haricombe continues to justify positions where we need tenure track librarians. The Provost has asked KU Libraries to define criteria for academic staff for KU Libraries (a new category for us, but one that exists elsewhere on campus); a small group is currently working on this category description.

V.   Overview of Current Practices re: Print & Digital Resources & Discussion

Lea Currie, Head of Collection Development, provided an overview of current practices regarding the procurement of print and digital resources (see attached slides for definitions, graph re: current spending for content development, and graph re: print vs. e-book purchasing—note:

this graph indicates records loaded in the catalog). She noted that in addition to the books that come in automatically every week based on our approval plan profile, we load demand driven acquisition (DDA) records into the catalog each week. Our approval plan is e-preferred for the sciences and social sciences, but not the humanities, with the exception of edited books of chapters written by different authors. There is no DDA for the humanities, with the exception of a few records that are hand selected by librarians to be loaded into the catalog as DDA. All books in the humanities either come in on approval or are selected by librarians.

VI.   New Business/Outline agendas for upcoming meetings

No new business was introduced. The group agreed to continue to structure meetings based on the committee recommendations shared in Chair Roney's December 2013 report (as above). An overview of the KU Libraries Communication Plan and an update on status of the Open Access Policy will be added to the March 25 agenda.