

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAC)

GEORGE T. HARRELL LIBRARY

AGENDA

JUNE 13, 2007

4:30 – 5:30 P.M.

C2600

Introductions

Schedule of meetings for 2007-2008

Responsibilities of the Committee

Overview of current status/services of the Library

Plans for future development

Discussion

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by acting chair, Virginia Lingle, Interim Director of the Harrell Library at approximately 4:40 p.m.

The following were in attendance:

Lucille Andersen, Orthopedics; Elizabeth Carney, Comparative Medicine; Telih Boyiri, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology; Rena Kass, Surgery; Thomas Olson, Graduate Student Representative; Joan Ruffle, Anesthesia; Vicky Schirm, HMC Dept. of Nursing; Nic Cecchino, Library; Esther Dell, Library; Marie Fitzsimmons, Library; Franceen Wilson, Library; and Virginia Lingle, Library.

Those who notified of their absence: Anthony Ambrose, Ob/Gyn; Neil Christensen, Pathology; Brandt Groh, Pediatrics; Richard Simons, Medical Education; David Spector, Microbiology and Immunology; Philip Wilson, Humanities;

Others absent were: Paul Eslinger, Medicine; Judith Hupcey, Nursing Education; Christopher Lynch, Cellular and Molecular Physiology, John Richie, Public Health; Joel Weinstein, Ophthalmology; Kathleen Mulder, Pharmacology, and Thomas Pritchard, Neural and Behavioral Science; Medical Student Representative – TBD.

BUSINESS:

Introductions were made and the schedule of meetings for 2007/2008 was reviewed. Information about the Library Advisory Committee (LAC) is posted on the Library Web site at <http://www.hmc.psu.edu/library/GenInfo/lac/> including list of members, schedule of meetings, and meeting minutes.

The responsibilities of LAC were reviewed. They include: advise on library collections, services, space use, and operation in general; serve as core test group for new products/services; promote transfer of information between library and other units; serve as a core group for a liaison service to departments. The LAC is a sub-committee of the Faculty Organization at the Hershey campus.

An overview of the current status of library operation and services was presented by the library faculty and discussed by the committee which included:

- a. Appointment of new director for the Harrell Library – Cynthia K. Robinson as of August 27, 2007. She currently is the Director of the Jacobsen Library and Assistant Director for the Information Services Division, Wisconsin National Primate Research Center, University of Wisconsin.
- b. As of August 2005, the Harrell Library was reorganized to report to the Dean of University Libraries of Penn State, Nancy Eaton with a “dotted-line” report to Richard Simons, the Vice-Dean for Educational Affairs, here at Hershey. For the last two years, the Harrell Library has been reconfiguring policies, procedures, and systems to come into compliance with University Libraries operation.
- c. In May 2007, the Harrell Library was promoted to “Resource Library” status for the Mid-Atlantic Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. The program is administered through the National Library of Medicine and is coordinated in our region by New York University. Added responsibilities above our previous “Member Library” status include the promotion of efficiencies in interlibrary loan, medical information systems, staff development, consumer health, and grants administration with other libraries in our geographic area.
- d. On June 6, 2007, it was announced that Penn State University, as a member of the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC, i.e., “Big 10 plus”), had entered into an agreement with the Google company to have over 10 million volumes of the collective libraries’ 78 million volumes, digitized by Google. The University Libraries at Penn State will be contributing about 500,000 volumes in special collections such as food sciences, materials science, German Americana, mining, and meteorology. The faculty, staff, and students from the participating universities will have access to the resulting digital collection.
- e. Highlights of current services were discussed that included:
 1. Valerie Gross, Instruction Librarian, is coordinating an expanded program of library instruction. See more information at: <http://www.hmc.psu.edu/library/services/Instruction/index.htm>
 2. Nic Cecchino, Technology Librarian, will be launching a service to support the use of PDAs and other personalized options to access information resources. A website with more information is forthcoming.
 3. Marie Fitzsimmons, Reference Librarian, discussed the pay-to-print service in the library which will soon include a color printing option available to users in their offices or other non-library locations. Marie also discussed the library’s support of wireless access to the Internet. Additional information is available at: <http://www.hmc.psu.edu/library/Services/computing.htm>
 4. Virginia Lingle discussed the conversion of most of the journal collection to electronic formats and distributed a spreadsheet showing expenses for the current year, a list of

new titles that have been added in the last two years; a list of titles being considered for addition in 2008; a list of backfile electronic packages that have been acquired; and a list of over 150 databases that are available for use by Hershey faculty, staff, and students. For a complete list of electronic resources go to:

<http://www.hmc.psu.edu/library/eresources/index.htm>.

- f. Future developments discussed were:
 1. Liaison service – Nic will be organizing an outreach service to build communication and support for use of library resources tailored to individual departments.
 2. Esther Dell, Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery Librarian, discussed possibilities for expanded services.
 3. Other possible developments being explored: an electronic reserve system; a virtual reference service with instant messaging; more integration of library resources with ANGEL, the electronic health record, and more.
- g. Other discussion ensued about the issues related to library space, the plans for an expanded Simulation Lab to replace journal stack space, and the need for student and group study space.
- h. Several handouts were distributed at the meeting; additional information is available on the Harrell Library website at: <http://www.hmc.psu.edu/library> . The Library can be contacted for additional copies of any of the handouts:
 1. Harrell Library Quick Guide
 2. Lending Code
 3. A Guide to User Name and Passwords
 4. List of Library Faculty and Staff
 5. Upcoming Library Classes
 6. National Network of Libraries of Medicine information card

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Overview of current status/services of the Library:

1. New library director
2. Reorganization with University Libraries
3. NN/NLM Regional Resource Library
4. CIC Google agreement
5. Highlights of Current Services:
 - a. Expansion of library instruction
 - b. Support of PDAs and other personalized services
 - c. Pay-to-print service – color printing

- d. Conversion of journal collection to electronic formats
- e. Wireless support

Future developments:

1. Liaison service
2. Expanded document delivery services
3. Web site upgrade
4. Electronic reserves
5. Virtual reference service
6. More integration of library with courses, electronic health record, etc.

Other services they would like to see? questions?

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