

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAC)

GEORGE T. HARRELL LIBRARY

September 20, 2007 4:30 p.m. Room 1845A/B

MINUTES

Members attending: C. Robinson; E. Carney; R. Cass; T. Olson; J. Ritchie; D. Spector

Members excused: L. Anderson; B. Groh; V. Schirm; R. Simons; J. Weinstein;

P. Wilson

Library faculty attending: N. Cecchino; E. Dell; M. Fitzsimmons; V. Lingle

Cynthia Robinson, the new Director of the Harrell Library and now the chair of the Library Advisory Committee opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Introductions were made. Refreshments were provided.

Nic Cecchino, Librarian for Reference and Technology, gave a general overview of the planning that is being done to develop a liaison program at the Harrell Library. Part of the planning is to look at what types and levels of services can be offered to departments here at Hershey with the library staffing that we have. Nic is reviewing comparable services at University Park and at other institutions. Tailored services being considered include subject specific communications, workshops, collection development input, and other forms of outreach (visit departments, personal contacts, etc.). D. Spector asked who would be the target groups for these services. – could be specific populations or departments – to be determined.

Gin Lingle, Librarian for Serials, Cataloging and Collection Development, gave an overview of the process of selection for materials for the collection including books, journals, audiovisual materials, and databases. She described the various factors that are taken into consideration, i.e., ILL requests, costs, impact factors, part of packages with University Park, subject coverage, etc.; and reviewed the process to make suggestions for purchase on the library Web site and the advisory role of the LAC.

Announcements were moved up in the agenda to allow time for a general discussion with Cynthia. Announcements included:

- a. list of library classes/workshops being offered
- b. new library brochures available – “Harrell Library Quick Guide”, “Guide to User Name and Passwords”, “ Guide to Lending Code”.
- c. reminder of information available on Library Advisory Committee Website at www.hmc.psu.edu/library/GenInfo/lac

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a general discussion about library services, planning for future development, questions, etc. Significant points included:

- a. opinion was voiced that clinical information needs are being met overall
- b. suggestion was made to include library in a support team/service for grant writing, technical writing, publishing, instructional design, and research development for both clinical and basic science personnel. (Cynthia willing to present concept to the Academic Team; perhaps could start as a pilot project; look at other institutions for examples – U. of Arkansas noted; would be a good recruiting tool).
- c. R. Cass suggested that library component be added to the “Junior Faculty Program”
- d. Question asked – does Hershey have an administrative database of expertise/research to share across departments? (Not sure if FRED serves this purpose or if there are other resources available.)
- e. how can the library do a better job of informing graduate students (and students in general) about resources, services, etc.? – customized classes, signs at strategic locations, more curriculum integration, more timely information in context as follow-up to student orientations

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.