

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

December 7, 2007 7:30 a.m.

C2600

Members attending: C. Robinson, T. Olson, J. Ruffle, V. Schirm, J. Weinstein, T. Pritchard, L. Andersen, D. Spector, A. Ambrose, P. Wilson, J. Hupcey

Members excused: B. Groh, R. Kass

Library faculty: E. Dell, M. FitzSimmons

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

Cynthia opened the meeting by giving an update of events in the library. The first item was the construction of the Sim Lab on the second floor of the library and how the journals and stack area were impacted. She explained backfiles would be purchased where available; compact shelving on the first floor for print journals that were being kept and general reorganization of the first floor to accommodate the shelving was discussed. She stated that there would be a major change in how information is delivered. Archival preservation and implications was also discussed.

How much of the journal collection would become digitized?? It was explained that this was being investigated. There is also a pay per view method for rarely used journals.

Dr. Ruffle asked about the potential access of items being stored at University Park. It was explained that staff would be available at that location to pull, scan and send wherever needed. Cynthia explained that she is on the Academic Team and a priority for the team is getting the dollars needed for back files. Dr. Ruffle also expressed concern about preserving space for the students to study and socialize.

Cynthia also stated strategic planning and a job competencies program are projects being worked on in the library. All staff positions are being looked at and all faculty positions will be re-written to reflect their current duties.

Budget issues were discussed. Cynthia expressed the need for a systems librarian and she is lobbying heavily for this.

Interest in a seminar regarding copyright issues was discussed. It was decided there is a definite need and most likely would be a large participation in such a seminar if it was made available. It was suggested that a pitch be made for this at the next Faculty Organization meeting.

NCBI training was also discussed. It was determined there is a definite need for this and Library faculty will get something set up.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 a.m.