LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2008 7:30 a.m.

C2600

Members attending: C. Robinson, T. Olson, J. Ruffle, A. Ambrose, P. Wilson

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. Refreshments were provided.

Cynthia gave an update of projects in the library. Nic Cecchino is working on the liaison program. Department heads will be assigned a librarian as a point person. They will meet and discuss services provided. Nic is also working on a basic PDA support program. This will include basic classes.

There is an NIH Open Access policy change effective April 1. There is a website available. This is a mandatory submission with any NIH grant. The library will be offering basic classes and will assist with this process.

The question was raised 'is there access to info that is unpublished, but peer reviewed'.
The University is looking into a repository. A discussion followed on various issues related to the information.

It was suggested that there is a lot of information on the web, but people do not know it is there. Communication is key. It was stated that there is a whole day of orientation for medical students and ½ day for graduate students. It was also suggested that it might be a good idea to invite an IT staff person to these meetings, since there is always discussion of IT issues.

SFX , a link resolver, will be implemented by Fall. This will eliminate our current A to Z list. Illiad contract signed. It will interface with searches and populate the request form. Approximate cost: $1500/annually (piggyback off UP contract)

SIM LAB Update: Plans are posted on Faculty Organization website. Most important factor is to retain study space for students. Committee working with architects on how to reorganize first floor space which must be done before Sim Lab construction can begin. Compact shelving will be used for journals being retained and all books on first floor with the exception of the reserve books. Cynthia would like to add at least a dozen computers. Second floor journals are being analyzed for use. University Libraries are using some to fill their gaps, as well as NLM. The rest will be shipped overseas to a medical school in Serbia.

A copyright seminar is being planned for the second or third week in September. Esther Dell is working with Cynthia to engage 3 presenters, who are experts in the copyright field. There will also be a question and discussion session.

Val Gross was working with NLM for NCBI training. However, NLM lost the funding for training, so sessions were canceled. She is looking into alternative trainers.

Budget projections are being gathered for presentation to committee. There will be some carryover into the new fiscal year; however, the base budget needs to be increased. Most print journals have been canceled. There are some things that cannot be canceled due to contract obligations. Administration here is not aware of how much is available due to contracts with University Libraries. There would be a significant rise in costs or a loss of resources.

"How does the average person know about the library?" Website, classes, liaison program will help, events calendar. It was suggested that it be made easier to find staff.

Cynthia asked the group if passwords were an issue. Discussion followed and it was agreed that one password with limited access would be ideal.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

ADDENDUM TO MINUTES:

The following information was received from Marie FitzSimmons following the meeting.

http://forms.gradsch.psu.edu/thesis/thesisguide.pdf

Electronic submission of the final dissertation (eTD) became a requirement for all doctoral candidates at Penn State starting in fall semester 2006.

All dissertations at Penn State are microfilmed and made available for sale by ProQuest/UMI Dissertation Publishing. Penn State maintains this arrangement because it believes that knowledge should be disseminated to the public rather than restricted.

Additional links:

http://www.personal.psu.edu/faq/cacweb.html#11
http://aset.its.psu.edu/ait/storagespace.html
which discusses PSU web storage and policies.