

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 2008

7:30 a.m.

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Members present: Cynthia Robinson, Rena Kass, Thomas Pritchard, John Richie, David Spector, Vicki Schirm

Library faculty: Marie FitzSimmons

Excused: Phil Wilson, Joel Weinstein, Anthony Ambrose, Joan Ruffle

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

The library's strategic plan was sent to members. It was explained that this plan tied in to both Hershey's and University Library's.

The liaison program has begun. The librarians are making contact with various departments, letting them know what we are doing and communicating. Also assessing the needs in terms of collection. Committee members agreed this was a good plan.

Funding for the Sim Lab is now available. Construction will begin around Christmas with the first floor of the library. The floor will be reinforced, plumbing and wiring run through and compact shelving installed. Staff is in the process of moving material from second floor. Some is going to Serbia. 3000 linear feet will go to CATO and will be available via ILL. Some items will be retained and the rest will be recycled. All collections will be consolidated on the compact shelving on the first floor, including the book collection now located on the first floor. Backfiles are being purchased to replace the material being removed. So, the majority of this material will still be available electronically or via ILL.

The need for Protocols in Molecular Biology was expressed. A site license would be very useful and less expensive than individual departments purchasing.

The need for swing space for the students was discussed. Noise and disruption have to be managed. Communicating project information will be handled on a daily basis to students using the library. The time frame for the project is approximately one year. It is to be done in phases. Some of the project is hoped to be done at night to eliminate noise and disruption during the day.

Positive feedback on the CopyRight Symposium was received. It was suggested that the University attorney, Mark Righter, be brought back for an additional session. It was also suggested that regular 40 minute lectures on copyright issues be presented to faculty in the hopes of getting better attendance and attention.

The website is being redesigned and there will be a web page dedicated to Copyright. Also, anything the library has access to will be listed on the website.

Epass and PSU access was discussed.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 a.m.