

## LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 2, 2008

7:30 a.m.

C2600

Members present: Cynthia Robinson, Anthony Ambrose, Tim Cooper, Rena Kass, John Richie, Joan Ruffle, David Spector, Vicki Schirm, Joel Weinstein

Library faculty: Esther Dell, Marie FitzSimmons

Excused: Phil Wilson, Brandt Groh

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 began the meeting with an update on library happenings. The strategic plan will be presented to the faculty organization today. The liaison program was rolled out over the summer, with each librarian contacting assigned departments.

SIM Lab preparations were begun with Harrisburg Recycling removing 50% of journals on the second floor to be recycled. 25% are being moved to storage in CATO at University Park and the remaining 25% are being retained. This 25% is unique and not available in any other format or location. Compact shelving will be installed on the first floor, after reinforcement of the floors.

Dr. Spector noted that there has been a lot of "grumbling" about the discard. The quality of the electronic reproductions is not as good. Cynthia state this is being handled on a case by case basis and he/they should let the librarians know of poor quality and possibly get it in another format of better quality.

There were no options, hard choices were made and the library is trying to cover the print loss with electronic. The question was posed as to how the decisions were made regarding discard. It was explained that it was done on a title by title basis, with usage statistics, availability elsewhere and reasonable backfile availability.

The first floor space is being reorganized with a quiet study area in the rear, and a less quiet area up front with seating and computers. Most of the construction will be done between midnight and 7 a.m. There is a second phase that would renovate the first floor space moving the circulation desk and have a one point of service desk. However, currently there is no funding for this project.

ILLIAD implementation is in progress. Bugs are being worked out. The process is tricky because of IT relations. It is to be rolled out over the next several months. The passwords will be PSU access account.

The library website is being redesigned in line with the rest of the institutions website.

LCME self study in progress with IT and Library working together. Will current situation affect this study? No – LCME looking at electronic availability. There is a need to preserve student study space.

Cynthia also announced that C2600 was to be turned into a student/faculty/staff lounge with kitchenette, chairs and big screen TV. This is to be completed by mid-summer. The 24 hour study area in the rear of the second floor will be retained.

A discussion followed on renaming the Library. Cynthia proposed the George T. Harrell Health Sciences Library. This would be a third line item under Penn State Hershey, The Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. The committee agreed. Name must be approved by the Dean.

Dr. Ambrose asked if Cynthia had any input in the Childrens' Hospital Library. Cynthia responded that she had very little knowledge of this, but it would most likely be a consumer health type library.

Dr. Spector asked about a personal subscription to 'Science' which he tried to renew. He was referred to Ginnie Lingle for resolution of this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by K. Seador