

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2009

7:30 a.m.

CG625C

Members present: Cynthia Robinson, John Richie, Joan Ruffle, Tom Olson

Library faculty: Marie FitzSimmons

Excused: Vicky Schirm, Anthony Ambrose, David Spector

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 announced that a grant funded conference titled “Transformational Change in Health Sciences Libraries: Space, Collection, Roles” will be held in the University Conference Center on April 1st.

She also stated the liaison program is going well.

The librarians are working with staff at University Libraries to consolidate electronic access through 1 single proxy – PSU access account. ILLiad will be going live shortly, along with SFX. Esther Dell is preparing education on the use of ILLiad.

Sim lab update: half of the compact shelving on the first floor is complete and books shelved. Piping work progressing. Most construction done at night. Sim Lab anticipated completion date is end of 2009, before LCME visit.

Faculty working with Sridhar on redesigning the web page. Should be up by May. Old and new pages will run simultaneously for short period. This web page should be more user friendly. Committee members hoped for less cumbersome access to electronic journals.

Cynthia also stated that the library’s name will change to George T. Harrell Health Sciences Library.

The committee was asked for suggestions on what to do with the History of Medicine collection, currently housed in C2600. Possible suggestions were – have it appraised and sell, keep most valuable pieces; display some in lobby outside library, making this space more interesting and inviting to applicants. Cynthia meets with Dean Paz later this week for discussion.

The budget is facing significant cuts to the collection. Several “plans of attack” for more funding was: use of statistics, using other medical school library statistics to gauge services, direct need of library to any medical school. A discussion followed.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by K. Seador