

## LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2009

7:30 a.m.

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Members present: Cynthia Robinson, (Chair) Anthony Ambrose, Timothy Cooper, Tom Olson, Vicky Schirm, David Spector, Philip Wilson.

Library faculty: Ester, Dell, Marie FitzSimmons

Excused: Rena Kass, John Richie, Joan Ruffle, Joel Weistein.

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

- 1) Cynthia announced transition of journals to digital library is progressing, now looking at electronic books, packages etc. Dr. Spector asked if we now had access to "Genes and Development". Cynthia stated that the contract had changed but had now been renewed. In response to a question by Dr. Ambrose, the committee was informed that the majority of titles now come in packages in collaboration with University Libraries, the library looks at usage and may swap titles in and out of packages. There have been some budgetary issues, and it is now recognized that the library must be supported, therefore during the budget process this year the library has been allocated permanent dollars for the collection budget. Dr. Ambrose asked about our involvement with University Park and the plans to expand to State College. Cynthia commented that this was a combination between Penn State and Hershey at the moment, but they are trying to get most of the licenses through Penn State.

The librarians were working with staff at University Libraries to consolidate electronic access through one single proxy – PSU access account. At the present time accessing from home requires Epass and PSU access Account. Unfortunately because of technical issues, cannot use single proxy. Dr. Ambrose asked about student access, the position is the same, two ID's and password are required off campus. With regard to access for Clinical Faculty (HR07) there is a committee looking at access through a separate portal for this subset of clinicians.

Ginny Lingle is retiring at the end of the year, and the position will likely split into 2 positions to be responsible for: 1) Collection Development and Digital Resource Management, and 2) Systems Librarian.

- 2) Sim lab update: The compact shelving on the first floor is complete and books shelved. Piping and lighting work progressing. Construction is almost complete and the Sim Lab anticipated completion date is November 2009. The new lounge – reconstruction is now in progress, there was a delay, but the project should be completed by end October, 2009. Dr. Wilson asked about the Alumni space, Cynthia responded that this space would remain and items that were removed will be returned once construction on the Sim Lab and the new lounge have been completed.
- 3) Illiad – technical problems now seem to be resolved, the system is running and will be going live shortly.

- 4) Library website – still working with Sridhar on web page, but there are concerns regarding slowness of site. Consider moving to Alfresco CMS as an interim move until we can migrate and piggy back onto University Library CMS. The advantages of moving to the University Library CMS are: gives us the ability to design, manage, and edit our pages, it also reduces issues when running two different types of software.
- 5) History of Medicine collection insurance value has been completed. The History of Medicine Collection shelving is completed but not yet installed.
- 6) LCME – Self study paper has gone forward, submitted and reviewed by the Committee. Dr. Wilson asked about the previous visit and its conclusions on the previous visit, and what improvement had been made.

A discussion was held on the archives and the history of the campus. The committee felt that there should be some scholarly activity with regard to the archives. Dr. Wilson suggested that this might be a good project for a senior medical student, and he would discuss this issue with Dr. Verderame with regard to MSR supported credits.

Vicky Schirm commented that issues with regard to accessing Lippincott have improved with the availability of the icon placed on the computers at the clinical sites, also helpful has been the collaboration between the library and the School of Nursing. She noted that Valerie Lynn has done a great job in paying attention the nursing needs and offered several library programs to the nursing staff.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by C. Newberry

Approved: Cynthia Robinson – 9/18/09