

# Faculty Senate Library Committee Meeting

## Minutes

February 21, 2013

1:00 p.m.

Present: Consuella Askew (Library), Elise Block (CNHS), Valerie Boulos (Library), Stephanie Brenenson (Library), Thomas Breslin (Library), Prem Chapagain (CAS), Geneieve Diamond (Library), Luda Dolinsky (COM), Mehmet Dorak (Public Health), Joyce Fine (COE), Marisol Floren (Law ), Jennifer Fu (Library), Maria Elena Villar (Journalism), Myongjee Yoo (Hospitality Management)

- I. **Welcome** – The meeting was called to order by Joyce Fine, Chair.
- II. **Approval of the agenda**- With an addition to new business, the agenda was approved.
- III. **Approval of the minutes**- The minutes from the last meeting were approved.
- IV. **Report from the Interim Dean of the Library, Dr. Thomas Breslin**
  - a. **Update on search and screen for Dean of the Library** – Four candidates, one at a time, will be coming to campus starting next week. Each will be taken to both campuses and make a ten-minute presentation of his or her vision. A request was made to have their presentations recorded or broadcasted so they could be reviewed by anyone not able to attend. Each will be interviewed as part of their visit.
  - b. **Faculty overdue books**- The auditors found that many books checked out by faculty were overdue despite that fact that faculty may renew books remotely. Actually, 5 faculty were responsible for 20% of the overdue books. Other faculty keep books in their office to use for research and for working with students. Some of the books that were thought to be overdue had been returned, but were not processed. The cutback in federal funding results in a cut in the number of student assistants to reshelve books. Dr. Breslin is preparing a response for the auditors.
  - c. **Improvement of the acquisition process** – In addition to books that are purchased via the approval plan, as programs change, the librarian subject specialists are working with faculty refining, while also building collections to keep current. Money for books requested by faculty is still available. Committee representatives are asked to encourage faculty to make requests either on the faculty page on the website or directly to the subject special librarians. In some instances, ebooks are being purchased to allow for greater circulation. Also, books published within the last 5 years that are requested via interlibrary loan are often purchased for the library. Representatives suggested that faculty be notified when their requests are ready for

circulation. Purchasing journal subscriptions has a separate process. Librarians are exploring getting other funding sources for journal subscriptions. More good quality fiction books are also being purchased. Librarians are also working with local book sellers such as Books N Books to purchase books that capture the local flavor of South Florida.

d. **Technology lab progress-** Currently, the area for the technology lab is being cleared. The lab should be finished by the end of summer. The librarians are looking into creating another one on the BBC campus possibly next year.

e. **LibQual+** - The LibQual+ Service Quality Survey, which seeks to gather data on the library users' perceptions is open for faculty and students now and will be through the first week in March. The goal is to have a high number of responders. There are quantitative and qualitative portions of the survey. On the quantitative portion, it is important to have the perceived level of expectations exceed the minimum level on the indicators.

- V. **Discussion of open access initiative by Stephanie Brenenson-** There was an open access week in which there were workshops. There is some money for support to jumpstart the initiative, but policies need to be developed pertaining to questions such as who will benefit from the university support for this endeavor and alternative metrics for evaluating how impactful this type of publication is. Currently, FIU has its own depository, Digital Commons, which allows open access. It was suggested that there be greater branding of the FIU depository.

There is also an initiative, FIURIXH, to create a Research Hub which will be used to preserve data in accordance with NICHD and NSF guidelines.

- VI. **Old Business** – There was no old business.

- VII. **New Business-** A Weeding Policy has been developed and disseminated to the Faculty Senate Library Committee. Feedback is requested on this policy which hopes to put into writing guidelines for reducing the number of volumes, especially those that are not being used.

- VIII. **Adjourn-** The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce C. Fine