

Faculty Senate Library Meeting  
October 26, 2015, 12:00 pm

Present: Anne Prestamo, Rita Cause, Marisol Florens, Moses Shumow, Valerie Boulos, Hui Huang, Tony Galaska, Carlos Parra, Arif Sarwat, Maria Garrido,

- I. Welcome and Introductions- Some of the members were able to attend in person at the Green Library, some at the Hubert Library via polycom, and some via Bluejeans.
- II. Approval of the agenda- Agenda was approved.
- III. Election a Chair for the 2015-2016 academic year – Joyce Fine was nominated and unanimously elected as chair.
- IV. Report from the Dean of the Library, Anne Prestamo-
  - a. The librarian faculty have spent significant time aligning the library's work to the university's strategic plan. There are four basic themes. They are working on how they will measure and track progress on the themes. When ready, the Dean will share the draft of the report.
  - b. FIU Student Tech Fee - The library was able to change the ambiance in the library with the money from a grant. The improvements include renovations, additional booths, laptop bar, large screen monitors for facilitating group work, column décor to hide wiring additions, and soft seats by the columns. Marianne Pineda, Manager Space Management, facilitated the design.
  - c. Since the Green library opened 17 years ago, there has been much change in the use of technology. Gate counters have been measuring the traffic in the door. Approximately 7,000-8,000 students per day come to the Green Library with the peak hours between 1 and 4. The number of people exceeds the number of seats in the library during peak hours.
  - d. Shelf space is at 83% maximum capacity. To insure structural integrity shelves have been reinforced so that they can withstand the extra weight. A Faculty Senate report will be made on the progress towards joining the Florida Academic Repository (FLARE), which will help alleviate the problem.
  - e. The library is considering migrating to a new electronic library management system. The system is provided by the Florida Virtual Campus for all SUS and FCS Libraries. This takes time and will not go live until 2017.
  - f. State money to build is limited meaning that building will be through philanthropic funding.
  - g. The library is moving to more digital collections, but publishers are not eager to have libraries use electronic books. There are some issues with circulation of ebooks.
  - h. The demand for the use of computers through library lending is still very high.
- V. Old Business- none
- VI. New Business—A question was asked whether one can read ebooks on Kindle. This is limited because a source, Overdrive, will not do business with academic libraries. FIU uses PDF. Another source, [Hathitrust.org](http://Hathitrust.org), has many out of copyright materials on line. Also, one can use

books.google.com. The library offers Mango Languages, another resource available to learn practical conversation skills in a multitude of languages. Mango can offer faculty traveling to countries for a short time, some assistance.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Fine, Chair, Faculty Senate Library Committee