

Minutes on UCL meeting 10/4/2022

Minutes from Apr 22, 2022 were approved

Election volunteers

- Terri Miller asked for volunteers for Chair and Secretary
- Daryl Thompson volunteered for Chair
- No volunteer for Secretary

Committee members introduced themselves

Library Updates - Terri Miller, Interim Dean

Library Dean Search

- Joe Salem has taken new position at Duke
- Terri Miller is serving as interim dean
- The university will be conducting a new search for dean of libraries.

Library Comprehensive Space and Services

- Includes Library, Archives, and Univ. Press
- Data collection has occurred over the summer regarding spaces
- Now moving into the public engagement portion
- Looking at which parts of the library we want to amplify
 - Will be influential for the capital campaign

\$5 million donation to remodel the 3rd floor

- Now designing
- Post-covid cost estimate
- 3rd floor east wing:
 - Special collections HVAC center
 - Trying to update the air handling for HVAC
 - Move some items there
 - Others will remain in remote storage
 - Reading room and special displays will remain on the 1st floor
 - Move to consolidate staffing on 3rd floor also

Kellogg Biological Station Library (Gull Lake Library)

- Major mold outbreak
 - 200-300k to recover was too much so chose not to
 - 15k books except for a couple of hundred will be destroyed
 - Have decided to save a selective portion of the books there

- Many are already available online and others will be replaced with electronic
- Will make further use of mailing books to faculty now that branch is closing

Library is hiring a ton of positions

- 4 postings
 - Engineering, music, and 2 information literacy librarians
 - Also, a new posting for digital scholarship lab librarian will occur soon. There was a prior failed search for this job.

Sharon Leon:

- Sounds like there are complaints about new integrated library system
- Concerns about corporate spying on our library searching
- Terri's response:
 - We needed to shop for a new ILS because our prior ILS was not being supported and not cloud based
 - The options were one from EBSCO, one from ProQuest (OCLC was not an option)
 - Folio is the ILS that was chosen, but then shortly thereafter EBSCO became a corporate development partner.
 - EBSCO has a well-established front-end discovery system
 - FOLIO is open source and is the back end of the system
 - Cataloging and acquisitions
 - EBSCO development resources helped FOLIO development move more quickly after the partnership started.
 - EBSCO Discovery System (EDS) is the front end and the most disappointing part of the ILS; it does not work with the precision search of the old system.
 - MSU library developers are now working on a public interface with VuFind
 - VuFind will be slowly integrated into EDS and will be more of the advanced catalog search function rather
 - We might see some progress in January or February

Lynn Wolff

- How do we connect to students and explain how to find library resources?
- Terri's explanation
 - EDS and discovery services are intuitive to younger students
 - Prior to discovery services, there was a difficulty with explaining call numbers.
 - Students like the discovery services.

- However, more experienced students with more detailed questions may need to have more specialized searching
- Information Literacy Librarians
 - Work with students in university writing classes
- Liaison librarians can help people find the various resources
 - Carin Graves seconded this
 - Please contact the liaison librarians about helping students and show them how to distinguish and search for
 - Books
 - Journal articles (as opposed to magazine articles)
- Susan Kendall
 - One of the challenges as we move to more electronic resources is that we are still struggling to implement a way to effectively search both print and electronic sources simultaneously