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