University Committee on the Libraries

Meeting Minutes

01/05/2023

Called to order by Daryl Thompson

14 members in Zoom attendance

Minutes taken by Sharon Leon

* Approval of November 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes
* No corrections
* Lynn Wolff moved for approval, John Fitzsimmons seconds, unanimous approval
* New Library catalog interface – Dean Miller
* Development team has been working on VuFind interface that will be posted as a beta site on Monday January 9 for people to use and offer feedback on
* Dean Miller shared a preview of the interface: <https://catalog-beta.lib.msu.edu/>
* Development team worked with liaisons, teaching and learning staff, and reference staff to understand how users interact with the catalog to develop the interface, which mirrors some of the previous advanced search filtering
* Needs to be stress tested to understand the number of users that can use the interface at once
* Response from librarians on the committee was enthusiastic
* Committee is free to share the URL
* Still needs to be integrated into the functions to retrieve the materials (Get it now; ILL)
* Floor plans – Dean Miller
* Starbucks is moving to the library from Wells Hall in August, replacing the current Sparty’s café (~2000 sq feet)
* Discussion of other possible vendor options that might have provided food as well as beverages, but the offerings were not satisfactory
* Adjacent seating that is controlled by the library is also being redesigned and may host student art. Also looking to redesign offerings for patrons with small children. (~3000 sq feet)
* Venture includes profit sharing with RHS
* 3 East renovation for a new home for a large portion of Special Collections.
* Includes the vault and processing spaces, specialized HVAC and fire control, and secured entrances. Increased vault and storage space.
* Converting faculty carrels to offices for the Special Collections faculty and staff.
* Possibility of moving some archives staff into office space in the area in the future.
* Cost for renovation is estimated at $13.8 million
* Significant amount for air handlers
* Construction costs have increased
* Working on budgeting to cover the gap in funding between the feasibility study and current estimate through fundraising
* Reading room on first floor will remain; the gathering spaces here will be for special events and will include a vault viewing space
* Question about cost benefit to insurance from getting materials out of the basement; Answer: University is self-insured, so no reduction in cost, but this move will offer some significant reduction of risk. Climate control has been a problem, in addition to the risk of flood.
* Current storage space is significant and will need to be repurposed.
* Archives will need to deal with storage space next. Will likely work with the Museum, which also has storage issues.
* Waiting for a final floor plan for the Center for Teaching and Learning, which will be on the second floor of the West library.
* The Office of Staff and Faculty Development will also have space.
* These groups will be able to run programming out of these spaces.
* Likely to open in September.
* Dean Search: beginning with listening sessions soon
* Lynn Wolff is on the search committee representing this committee
* Megan Halpern moved to adjourn at 9:45; John Fitzsimmons seconds; unanimous