LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING
April 22, 2014 12:00-1:00pm
Amarillo Library Conference Rm. (2nd Floor)

Present:  
Jeanie Jaramillo, PharmD (Faculty Representative, SOP)
Jody Wilkinson, MD (Faculty Representative, SOAH)
Ellen Hubbell (Student Representative, SOM)
Evan Jones (Student Representative, SOAH)
Sameera Siddiqi (Student Representative, SOM)

Absent:  
Kishore Yalamanchili, MD (Faculty Representative, SOM)
Brigitte Doughty (Student Representative, SOAH)
Titus Rajan (Student Representative, SOP)

Guests:  
Cheryl Simonsen, MLIS (Library Associate Director)
Terri Wilson, MS (Assistant Director, Library Liaison to SOAH and SOP)
Yumi Yaguchi, MSIS (Assistant Director, Library Liaison to SOM)

The meeting was called to order at 12:05pm.

The minutes of the November 8, 2013 Library Committee Meeting were approved by acclamation.

Terri reported on general library news. We are going to have an opening for a student assistant as soon as TechJobs comes back online in May. We closed out our Biomedical Information Management class this year with 28 students having taken it. That is the most that we have seen since the three of us have been working here. Cheryl just recently taught a PubMed searching class to the Internal Medicine residents. Please remind your faculty that we are always available to teach specialty classes for your meetings or classes. Summer orientations are just around the corner. Be sure to schedule library orientations with us as soon as possible. The database EMBASE is scheduled to be cancelled by the end of this year (December 2014). We are starting to put records for electronic books into our library catalog. This will be a long project, as there are over 50,000 titles to input and they come and go without warning sometimes. But eventually all of our electronic books will show up as a record in Koha with a link.

Cheryl reported on outreach activities. We have not done any non-affiliated outreach since our last meeting. We have submitted our outreach plan for next year which begins on May 1, 2014 and ends on April 30, 2015. So far we have plans to participate in the following outreach activities in the coming year. For the senior citizen community, we plan to take the Library display to the Tri-State Fair's Senior Citizen's Day Health Fair in September and the Canyon Senior Health Fair in April of 2015 if they return to having the event. For the general community, we plan to have a PubMed class or NLM resources demonstration for the City of Amarillo Public Health Department in June, and we plan to take the Library display to the Taking Control of Your Diabetes Health Fair and Conference in October and the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Health Fair, also in October. If the Amarillo SOM starts up the Community
Medical School again, we will take the Library exhibit to all five sessions. Dr. Jaramillo suggested doing outreach with the local public libraries.

Yumi reported on monthly library promotions. Since our last meeting, we did not have a promotion in December due to the holidays, but we promoted Gold Rush in January, PubMed in February, Clinical Key in March, and Micromedex in April. The January and February promotions were sent out by email via Amarillo All, but we did not make the deadlines for The Beat. Our March and April promotions were sent out via both Amarillo All and The Beat. As we mention on all of our promotion flyers, we are available to teach patrons how to access and use these electronic resources in the library or their office/classroom. We are also available to faculty, students, and staff members who need to retrieve information for their supervisors. Terri mentioned that she and Dr. Jaramillo are considering a session for the nurses who answer the Poison Control Center hotline.

The floor was then opened to questions and discussion. Dr. Jaramillo said that it would be nice to have a TurnItIn expert, as there isn’t really anyone to ask questions of when troubleshooting the resource. Angelia Heare in Lubbock Information Services has been the contact person for getting information about our TurnItIn subscription and therefore may be the person to start with about training/webinars/listservs about TurnItIn. In regards to outreach, Dr. Jaramillo suggested that we produce some literature to put in the Medication Cleanout bags that are distributed during those twice-a-year events. Evan Jones polled the SOAH students for questions or comments for the Library Committee. The students requested a lounge area in the library that had food and drink for students to buy while they studied in the library. It is a request that the Library Committee has received before, but without funding, it is not something that is possible to accomplish. We reminded everyone that there is a breakroom in the building that has vending machines, a microwave, and an ice machine. The SOAH students also asked if Sunday hours could be expanded, having the library open earlier in the day. Since this would require the library student assistants to work more hours and since our student assistant budget was cut a couple of years ago, this is not something that we can offer at this time. Cheryl mentioned that the Library Committee meetings are open to anyone who wants to attend and suggested that we might advertise our fall meeting through Amarillo All and The Beat.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35pm.