MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

March 31, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Richard C. Wood, Executive Director of Libraries

In attendance

Stephanie Filleur, PhD, Urology
John Fowler, PhD, Physiology
Roger James, PhD, School of Allied Health
R.C. Kimbrough, MD, Internal Medicine
Lauren Hightower, Student Representative
Stephanie Shippey, PSL
Joseph Blackburn, PSL
Candia Thew, PSL
Judy Orr, PSL
Peggy Edwards, PSL
Richard Wood, PSL

New Business

Richard reported on Print Journals: 1) some journals are not available on-line. Some are more expensive than print. Others are available in expensive packages of journals.
2) Print journals: some have a subscription requirement that requires us to buy the paper journal in order to obtain the electronic version. 3) Some e-journals are unreliable and difficult to navigate and have elaborate difficulty to log in. Print journals are mostly preferred by customers.

John Fowler asked: “What is the difference between Elsevier and Wiley?” Richard responded that Elsevier is a good vendor right now and Wiley is not as good. Please use our homepage link to retrieve information otherwise it loses your link through us to the subscription for an article. He also mentioned that we have virtual reference services from our librarians to all users, all campuses. John also asked about on-line help for clinical resources. Richard responded that we have a lot of them through our homepage tutorials by subject matter.

A discussion on how to mirror simulation with mannequins carried on. Mannequins are improving with more modalities.

Joe reported the additions the library has added: Access to Medical Surgery. That gives us a number to certain surgical textbooks on-line and as well as other sources for them. The library is in process of adding Systemic Anatomy component to Anatomy TV to go with regional Anatomy component so we have everything they offer. We have also added National Standards database and bought USPNF from U.
S. Pharmacopia. The Version we have been getting in print is no longer in print and owned by Thompson in Canada. They have changed it to Drug Points. It is longer called USPN anymore; it has multiple sources up to date on USP. Earlier this year we added Ebsco and Scopus from Elsevier.

John Fowler inquired about back issues and what kind of agreements we have.

Joe responded that if we cancel print subscriptions we sometimes lose the e-versions. Each publisher has different policies. Carnegie Rankings have ranked us at 3rd tier. Richard reported that he was optimistic about SACS site visit.

Lauren Hightower asked “Where do we go for the library?”

Richard mentioned hours and locations for various use of library. He also encouraged utilizing the virtual reference library. Someone will answer in minutes, even on week-ends. Passed out the “Librarians at your Service” cards.

The next meeting will be on May 26, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.