

LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 17, 2017 12:00-1:00pm

Amarillo Library Conference Rm. (2nd Floor)

Present: Misty Miller, DPT (Faculty Representative, SHP)
Jeanie Jaramillo, PharmD (Faculty Representative, SOP)

Absent: Ashlyn Choate (Student Representative, SHP)
Regan Lemley (Student Representative, SOM)
Sameer Saifuddin (Student Representative, SOP)
Arjun Sehgal (Student Representative, SOM)
Emily Waye (Student Representative, SHP)
Kishore Yalamanchili, MD (Faculty Representative, SOM)

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

The meeting was called to order at 12:07pm.

The minutes from the December 12, 2016 Library Committee Meeting were approved by acclamation.

Cheryl announced that Yumi Yaguchi has taken a position at Florida International University in Miami, FL. We are advertising for her replacement. It is posted on TechJobs and a number of other places. We have had about 6 applications, and so far, none of the applicants are qualified.

Terri reported on the recent Amarillo Library Survey results. There were 94 participants. Half were students. Of the other half, 22 were faculty and 13 were graduate students. It was a nearly even split (a little over 40% each) between Medicine participants and Pharmacy participants and 13% were School of Health Professionals.

Nearly 30% claimed to have “never” come to the library, while 23% come in once a semester. The main reason cited was because they get everything they need online, but a small percentage indicated that the library was out of the way. And repeatedly in the detailed comments, people indicated that the library should be on the Coulter campus.

52% of participants indicated that they wanted 24/7 access to the library space, although one commenter mentioned that they would only use it during exam time and another asked if there would be security. Commenters repeatedly referred to the library’s outdated look, and that there was not enough study space available. Also mentioned frequently was the lack of access to journals needed, either through subscription or because of embargos. Other requests included free printing for students and whiteboards for study use. Dr. Jaramillo suggested that a qualified testing center would be a good addition to the library.

Cheryl reported on the new Executive Director's visit. He came to Amarillo on Friday, March 31st for Yumi's farewell party. He met the library staff and had a chance to speak with all of us individually. We gave him a tour of the library and our building and a driving tour of the Coulter campus. We did not know far enough in advance, nor did we have enough time while he was here, to meet with other schools and departments. He plans to make another visit in a couple of months, and at that time we will set up meetings with various Deans, Department Heads, and hopefully a student group.

One big issue that we will be dealing with is the issue of 24/7 access to the library. The students really want it on the Lubbock campus, and TTUHSC Administration says that if one campus has it, all must have it for accreditation purposes. Cheryl met with Dean Hooten, Lt. Holley and IT about this issue back in March and gave their feedback to Dr. Nollan. There are many things that would need to be addressed such as installing a badge access door, physical security, security cameras, etc. if we do go forward with 24/7 access.

The floor was opened to questions and discussion. Dr. Jaramillo mentioned that the School of Pharmacy polled their faculty about purchasing UpToDate. Not all agreed that the SOP should purchase access, but the School is going to get a quote to be fully informed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:42pm.