

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ZOOM MEETING

APRIL 12, 2021

In Attendance:

Dr. Dan Stuart

Patrick Davis

Amy Faltinek

Dr. Richard Nollan

Dr. Wade Redman

Dr Rial Rolfe

Dr. Molly Toon

Christy Weaver

Dr. Pablo Artigas

Dr. Redman

Called meeting to order at 3:00 pm. There are only 3 voting members are in attendance. There is no quorum to approve the minutes from last meeting. We will try to get them approved through email. Dr. Redman asked if Susie was available to take minutes. Per Dr. Nollan, Susie is unavailable to attend, therefore, they are being recorded. Dr. Redman requested Susie get approval of the minutes from meeting in February.

Dr. Nollan

1. Texas Collation – the negotiating committee (table committee) has completed, what we think, is the best deal that we are going to get from Elsevier in regard to the Science Direct Package of Journal articles. Science Direct is the single largest collection of scientific articles available. Everyone that wants access to scientific literature, including medical literature, uses this database through links that are available through the library's website. It is a very expensive database. It is about \$1 million for this one product and is somewhere between 20 to 25% of the library's resource budget. It is very important to receive as good of a deal as we can get. We negotiated a significant

reduction in the subscription to this product. We have made progress in getting a reduction to the fee faculty would pay for on Open Access.

Questions:

Dr. Redman asked how long do you think the coalition will stay together? It's going to be long term hopefully.

Dr. Nollan responded – the plan was to negotiate this one product. This company has wrangled Librarians for many years. The company itself has had an annual profit margin of 30 to 35%. They come to us telling us how they are working really hard for us and that they always seem to be more money. They are a very powerful company and very hard to deal with. What we have done with this coalition is something that I have never seen in my career. They are in 43 top schools, all in Texas including the big systems like Texas A&M and University of Texas and a lot of smaller schools as well. We have banded together with our combined purse. We were able to negotiate a better rate with Elsevier, so this is a big deal. You may wonder why the library is worried about copyright. The worry is not so much the legal issue. It is the fact that when faculty assigns the rights to the publisher, this gives the publisher everything that they need in order to be able to come to libraries

This one negotiation with Elsevier is the kind of negotiation that we are planning to do with other vendors in the future.

2. Library Renovation – the final plan of the architect's firm has been completed. The renovation steering committee has reviewed it carefully. The innovation learning area for the Faculty and the Provost's office areas in the library have been outlined. There has been some movement on what the next step will be. There are no timelines on how this will go forward.

New Business:

Library Weekend Hours – This past Saturday and Sunday we opened the libraries on all three campuses to weekend hours. In Lubbock, we had students in the library every hour that we were open. We had a glitch on Saturday. The students weren't able to badge in to the Library because their cards didn't work. We had to get campus police involved. We had notified them earlier that we were going to do this. They had gotten the message, but had not had time to implement it. It has now been implemented and the students are now able to get into the libraries during these hours. Let your students know that there are some weekend hours. Students will still need to use their badges to gain access to the Library.

Per the announcement by the President, the agency will return to 100% capacity as of August 1st. Pending advice from the academic counsel, or anyone else we need to consult,

August 1 is our target date to expand library hours to normal hours for all 3 campuses as they were prior to the pandemic. This is contingent on whether or not we can get student workers that we need. We have had trouble finding them, but if the university is back to 100% face to face we may not have such a big problem.

Dr. Redman

For voting members, an email was sent out at 8:33 this morning with the minutes for the meeting in February. He stated it looks like at least five people have voted. He asked if anyone was opposed.

The minutes were approved.

Dr. Nollan

The next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2021.