

LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2012 – Rare Books Room

In Attendance:

Ali Roghani - SOM
Craig Bradley – SOM
Jane Colmer-Hamood – SOM
Jennifer Phy – SOM
Mary Anne Hanley
Roger James – SOAH
Nathan Rice – Development
Andrew Escude - PSL
Dawn Kruse – PSL
Margaret Vugrin – PSL
Peggy Edwards – PSL
Stephanie Shippey – PSL

Meeting was called to order by Ali Roghani at 3:00 PM. A quorum was reached.

Old Business:

None.

Discussions:

Discussion and demonstration made by Margaret Vugrin, Librarian, of the new enhancements recently added within the Library's mobile resources. Paul Landers, Library's IT Manager is currently working on providing an intermediate webpage that will better advise patrons which links are actual mobile databases and which are external web links. Some of the new enhancements include: moving PubMed to the top of the list and the addition of "Ask a Librarian" online form.

Richard advised that the Nature's Family of Journals has had significant surges in renewal fees for the last several years. Last year's fees were up over 30%, the year preceding had a 10% rise in costs, and the year before that fees rose by approximately another 10%. If the upcoming July renewal also sees a 10-15% increase, it would be up about 75% in recent years. We are considering a 1-2 month renewal delay in order to stretch out the costs and consider other options/negotiations.

Library Budget—No new news to report for future, however Richard explained current year's El Paso budget was cut by 10%. Richard does have concerns over the cuts to TexShare Academic database and worries this will negatively impact the 108 county areas the library serves in West Texas.

Library Endowments—Nathan Rice, Dr. Roghani, and Richard Wood discussed the various ways endowments gifts are sought. Nathan Rice explained the donations can be conveniently bequeathed by benefactors. Richard offered the idea of exploring the possibility of offering to Faculty/Staff the ability to make contributions through payroll deduction elections. Dr. Roghani suggests we consider all means to increase the Endowment Corpus and bring back to explore these ideas.

New Business:

Richard presented the minutes from the past four Committee meetings (May 2011, July 2011, September 2011, and November 2011). Motion and Second made to approve all previous minutes; passes with no opposition.

Introductions of new members: Dr. Jennifer Phy (OBGYN) and Dr. Craig Bradley (SOM).

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.