

LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 20, 2012 – Rare Books Room

In Attendance:

Ali Roghani - SOM
Jane Colmer-Hamood – SOM
Roger James – SOAH
Stephanie Filleur - SOM
Barbara Ballew - PSL
Andrew Escude - PSL
Dawn Kruse – PSL
Margaret Vugrin – PSL
Paul Landers - PSL

Meeting was called to order by LCM Chair Dr. Ali Roghani at 3:00 PM. A quorum was not reached.

Old Business:

None.

Discussions:

No solid Budget updates at this time. Discussions and online demonstrations made by Richard Wood regarding the TTUHSC Fact Book, where one can view a summary of Library holdings; including total categorical values. Richard does think it's unlikely to have Fall budget cuts this year because of the surplus in the State's Revenue (sales taxes), and encouraging reports of TTU and TTU System's staff receiving current merit increases.

Regarding the price increase issue of journals such as Nature's Family of Journals, Dr. Roghani begins a dialogue in order to have strategic measures in place in the events of price increases and in dealing with the publishing companies. Richard assured that he has short-term solution in place if we are not successful in persuading these companies to cease their price increase practices by such exorbitant percentages. If necessary, he would reduce Book and Audio Visual (AV) purchases, and not sacrifice bound journal purchases. Dr. Roghani encourages further brainstorming ideas about this problem at future LCM meetings. This proceeded into an in-depth discussion regarding the issues of plagiarism, open-access, and electronic access to historical journals, as well as the costs, restrictions, and abuses thereof. Paul Landers reports that we've had (3) recent, surprise occurrences of open-access restrictions of historical documents where the publishers changed their policies suddenly and limited the date ranges of previously accessible material.

Richard Wood explains the extensive Library construction currently being done; projected to last from now through mid-summer. This project includes the full replacement of seven windows, new sidewalk leading to the main entrance, repairs to the roof of the atrium, as well as comprehensive leak repair throughout the building. This construction is expected to produce significant noise disturbance so that the patrons are being advised via extensive signage to obtain ear plugs from the Learning Resource Center.

Dr. Roghani would proposes to re-visit the budget issue next meeting as well as table discussion of Library Endowments until next meeting.

New Business:

Proposal and agreement to change meetings to Monday's to see if it will help with members' scheduling conflicts.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.