

LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2013 – Rare Books Room

In Attendance (Committee/Voting Members):

Ali Roghani – SOM

Katie Bennett – SOAH

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM. A quorum was not reached.

Old Business:

Clinical Key (formerly M.D. Consult) – Feedback was discussed of the negative impact that the transition has had because Elsevier did not give notice to key library staff before implementing the switch.

New Business:

Stephanie Shippey shared the news that Plant Operations would soon be installing additional electrical receptacles on the library's first floor so visitors will have even more places to charge their devices. This is something that's been desired by staff and students for a long time and is now finally attainable since the costs will be funded by the Physical Plant.

Stephanie also announced that library room #228 was now open and ready to offer extra space to those study groups that reserve it.

Richard related that he would be getting with Hunter Atkins, the new Student Government (SGA) president regarding the use of debit/credit cards within the library as linked to the possibility of leasing/buying the needed equipment.

Richard related that Higher Education Assistance Funds (HEAF) is very close to running out this fiscal year. For that reason many cuts to electronic journal subscriptions have had to be made. Richard will immediately announce the details to all Faculty at all schools as to the details and of the exact titles that had to be eliminated.

Discussions:

Clinical Key (formerly M.D. Consult) – Andrew Escude related that in order to retain all the specialty packages within the former M.D. Consult subscription, the cost would be an estimated \$40,000 additional to cover costs for similar products.

Rial Rolfe related that all the information he has received about the Fiscal Year 2014 budget is favorable.

Katie Bennett asks on behalf of the Faculty Senate, of which she is a member, for an update regarding shared access to electronic products for TTU and TTUHSC faculty. Richard answered there was a beta test currently being done with some individuals within the School of Allied Health.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.