

## University Library Committee

February 21, 2017

**Present:** Daniel Badoe, Deborah Ballou, Chris Brown, Tammy Howard, Nancy Kolodzieg, Nancy Mielke, Joe Roberts, Cara Sisk, Doug Bates

**Absent:** Elizabeth Boucher, Cynthia Bryant, Lora Cowan, Mark Groundland, Judy Hull, Tyler Livesay, Guadalupe Mora

Note: There were no minutes from the fall, 2016 meeting.

### Dean's Report:

**Dirt Room Project** Dr. Bates showed the drawings for the planned excavation of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor dirt rooms. The two areas will be excavated for creat ledd

ADA requirements, etc. There will be 50- 60 computers as well as  
e believe this will be an asset to the University. The testing center

"Best Value" pricing, to ensure that only date possibly at the end of the semester. Constructio months

**Budget** Dr. Bates reviewed the library materials budget. In the fall budget cut, the library gave up \$38,000 in lapsed salaries; \$50,000 from the Library materials budget; and \$45,000 in TAF funding. With that round of cuts, the library stopped the GIN service because we had already spent \$84,000 for articles between July 1 and Nov 30th. We have also curtailed the number of books we are purchasing.

For the most recent budget cut, it appears the library will be giving up \$63,000 from personnel and \$53,000 from the materials budget.

Prior to the latest round of cuts, the Deans were asked to present their budget requests for next year. Dr. Bates requested \$100,000 in that meeting, dedicated to acquiring articles. Doug asked the members of the ULC, "how big should our University Library budget be?" With the current budget, the library is spending about \$95 per student for library materials. He has looked at 29 other schools about our size, and we are next to the last one in the amount spent per student.

If the library does turn the Get It Now service on next year, it will have to be in the mediated format where someone is looking at the individual requests to determine whether or not it should be fulfilled via GIN. Our expenditure of \$84,000 with the unmediated format of GIN from July through the end of November this past year is just not sustainable.

Long time members of this committee remember this is the four or fifth time we have had to cut the materials budget in recent years, and is why an ad hoc committee was formed four years ago to investigate another means of acquiring articles with the goal of sustaining the budget for several years. The GIN option was a direct result of that committee's research. It is now to the point where the library is a social gathering place. If you want to do any research, you have to go to UT Knoxville or Oak Ridge and get information there, or plan ahead and use Interlibrary Loan. Doug asked "What barriers do faculty face doing research here compared to faculty who do research at UTK?" Chris says, from the teaching and research point of view of faculty, "faculty want access to the resources, and the brick and mortar part of the library is not used." The library is grossly underfunded; but so are the academic departments.

Other suggestions and thoughts by members of the committee:

- 1) Enact a library student fee
- 2) Is it possible to form partnerships with other schools for bulk buying, particularly the UT system? (The library does partner with four community colleges for the purchase and license of our integrated library system.) The library is also a part of purchasing partnerships with other colleges/libraries in Tennessee.
- 3) The library's access to materials is not considered adequate in college reviews by accrediting boards, particularly for those departments with Masters and PhD programs.
- 4) Does the library have dedicated fundraiser? Kevin Braswell has talked to the library; but the

subscription. The unmediated version of GIN will remain turned off, and we will use the mediated service only.

Election of a Chairperson: Chris Brown agreed to serve another term and was unanimously elected.

Other Matters: Tammy Howard suggested the library create a you tube video to show how to use Interlibrary Loan and the process of using auto cite to copy & paste the information into the request form. This would be useful to students in UNIV 1020 classes all the way up to senior level classes. Students seem hesitant to use ILL.

Joe Roberts expressed his sv