Library Committee Minutes  
Tuesday, February 17, 2009

In attendance: Naomi Baker, Ron Pryor, Ellen Raineri, Heidi Selecky, Dean John Stachacz, Maria Rinaldo, Prahlad Murthy

Naomi Baker called meeting of Library Committee to order at 11:05 am in the McClintock Room in Farley Library.

The minutes were approved as amended.

I. Open seats on Library Committee
   a. We could use members from other colleges and departments. Henry Castlejon did not reply to my email, so we will probably just have to wait to replace the open seat when the normal elections come around very soon.

II. Report from Dean John Stachacz
   a. JSTOR is up and running. Dean Stachacz encourages us all to take a look at it and begin using it. They are getting good feedback on it.
   b. LibQual Survey - They have had over 300 responses up to this point with a nice cross-representation. Approximately 50 faculty and 130 students.
      i. Some of the comments they have received:
         1. Collections need to be better.
         2. Facility needs to be updated.
         3. Too much Noise.
            a. They have already purchased 200 earplugs to give to students requesting them, and they are almost gone.
            b. They will order more.
            c. Dr. Murthy’s students are going to be measuring noise levels in the library for a class. This might prove helpful.
   4. Technology is mentioned in the surveys a lot.
      a. Need more computers.
      b. More IT help
      c. More scanners and printers.
         i. Maria Rinaldo asked if it would be possible to get printers on the second and third floors.
         ii. Dean Stachacz stated that because there is no staff on the upper floors it would be difficult to have printers up there, but that he would look into the possibility.
      d. Dean Stachacz stated that they are hoping to drive all computers down to the proposed Learning Commons on the basement level.
5. Survey responses have included many positive comments about the library staff.
   ii. In conclusion, the LibQual survey is giving us the data we need to back up our requests for funding, etc.
   iii. LibQual is usually done every 3 years.
c. NEPA Library Statistics
   i. The newest edition just came in about 3 weeks ago.
   ii. We are ranking much higher now.
      1. Our circulation is up from last year.
      2. We’ve instituted changes that will be even better next year.
      3. Inter-library loans are extremely high.
      4. Our database research is also very high.
   iii. This report gives us additional ammunition to support our requests for funding, etc.
d. Ellen Raineri stated that Entrepreneurial Studies needs more resources in the toolbox that is always there. Dean Stachacz replied that he would be happy to help. She just needs to meet with him to specify what is needed.
e. Heidi Selecky announced that a genealogy group of Slavic and Polish descent from Massachusetts will be holding a Genealogy Workshop here in the fall of 2009.

   Meeting adjourned: 11:38 a.m.
   Minutes submitted: Naomi Baker