

Meeting Minutes - University Library Committee (ULC)

Wednesday, December 11, 2019; 12:00-1:30 pm

Library boardroom, 6th floor, Newman Library

Attendees:

Creed Jones (chair), Roan Parrish (GSA), Sally Shupe (CoE), Jactone Ogejo (Ag and Life Sci), Ann Brown (Library), Julie Griffin (Library), Leslie O'Brien (Library), Eric Kaufman (Fac Senate), Lisa Kennedy (Nat Res & Env), Phil Thompson (Business), Erin Smith (Library)

1. Lunch
Thanks as always to Lisa Smith and the office of the Dean of Libraries!
2. Review of minutes of October 30 meeting
The draft minutes were approved without revision.
3. Feedback on the library annual report
 - Roan - question about the community member's address not being redacted on page 6 in the annual report
 - Answer is that there are different policies for digitized or electronic materials and for physical materials, where electronic ones are more likely to be redacted to protect privacy whereas physical copies would be not redacted and are often already in limited access states.
 - Creed - appreciation of the destination for talent
 - Edward Becker - architecture has their own library as well and are relevant to this kind of annual planning
4. Input on the library strategic plan
 - Virtual students or Northern Virginia students in general, particularly in relation to Innovation Campus and to engineering
 - Roan - NOVA students request smaller, booth-style rooms for Zoom classes
 - Becker - where to go to give college's feedback about Innovation planning ideas?
 - This committee! Maybe we should have this be our agenda item.
 - This could be our end-of-year deliverable, an outline from different colleges that will be written, archived, delivered to other committees, on what we want or need from the Innovation Campus planning
 - Jactone - ensuring we do not step into the jobs of liaisons
 - Eric - hoping to hear more about the Innovation Campus, particularly concerns about space, and concerns about logistics if the library serves both public and VT community; a new presence for VT to support local communities as library is a source and a service
 - Research Collab and Engagement recently spread to the School of Medicine community with biomedical research, which involved many of the same questions, tensions, and discussions that can set up this movement into NOVA
 - Erin Smith has been leading the library's medical expansion
 - Eric - connect to existing professionals in NOVA and support community as part of our mission as a land grant institution
 - Erin - partnerships with public libraries in local communities
 - Becker - seconds Eric and aligns with current discussions in Architecture, and propose that the committee documents these perspectives that social methods of the library reaching people are just as if not more important than the technical methods.
 - What's going to be the heart of the community? The library is well positioned to be the heart of the NOVA community.

- Creed - this campus is four miles from NSF; do you really want to tell them they can't use our library?
5. Guest presentation (Julie Griffin): "A new kind of 'Big Deal': access matters" (Elsevier)
 - There is a website and FAQ on this topic, and communication with many interest groups on campus: <https://lib.vt.edu/oa-big-deal.html>
 - Resource conglomerates with huge price increases with which libraries struggle to keep up, unsustainable growth
 - Public/open access movement is well established and growing, including European initiatives
 - VT has a draft statement on open access policy
 - Virginia universities work together to decide whether to renew, not making decisions alone, with current balance leaning towards not renewing
 - Collaborative negotiations and preparations
 - Question is renewal in 2022
 - Jactone - how will not having this contract impact our ability to get journal articles and such through the library? How will the library get materials?
 - Interlibrary loan, document deliveries, repositories
 - Often cancelling a Big Deal means that demand lowers as researchers access a similar article that is available
 - The website has alternative access options
 - Lisa Kennedy - how does this impact how scholars are evaluated regarding publishing standards/requirements? How articles are scored by metrics, particularly downloads and citations, and the impacts on (junior) scholars
 - Library team initiative on other, better ways to evaluate impact of research
 - Survey of faculty who has published in open access journals shows that faculty aren't having these kinds of discussions at P&T meetings and such
 - Kennedy - ILL - has a history of being unwieldy with so much data entry
 - Eric - using Scholar or other methods will automatically populate many of the fields
 - Why not DOI number alone? Sometimes the required fields aren't always relevant
 - Eric - twice where ILL has canceled his request because they have exhausted all resources, and would love to have statistics on how frequently this happened, what kinds of things, whatever details possible
 - Eric - we really want to avoid "Oh, you don't want to go to VT because they don't have a real research library" but if other institutions are in the same boat, we're in a better space
 - Faculty research assessment survey (mentioned in annual report)
 6. Other input to library
 - Students love the lounge, and would like more plants.
 7. Next agenda
 - Innovation Campus library presence, whatever our comments are for deliverable
 8. Action Items
 - All: Continue to solicit input from our areas; general needs, questions for library.
 - All: Consider an End-of-Year document from the committee on library actions in support of the Innovation Campus
 - All: Submit agenda items for next time.
 - Roan/others: Ask grad students for feedback on the lounge for a more comprehensive review
 9. Next semester schedule:
 - Three meetings next semester; not MWF 12:20-1:10

- Tuesdays lunch time, 12:00-1:30
 - February 4th
 - March 17th
 - April 28th

10. Adjournment