

Minutes University Library Committee

Date: February 10, 2009

Time: 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Location: Library Board Room

Chair: Philip Young filling in for Robert Brown

Members Present: Eileen Hitchingham, Justin Klein on behalf of Nakhiah Goulbourne, Sonal Mazumder, Renee Maisel, Louellen Sharp

Recorder: Cyndi Martin

Guests:

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the January 27, 2009, meeting were approved

The University April 16 Online Archive

The April 16 online archive is now accessible on the second floor of the library. One computer terminal has been dedicated for the archive only. The Library of Virginia also has a computer terminal which patrons can use to access the archive. The archive consists of emails, letters, and other correspondences. Items can be searched for by name or date.

Update on Library Space

The graduate study room on the fourth floor of the library is equipped with study carrels, tables and chairs, and new leather seating. The room is for graduate student use only and requires card access. All graduate students can access the room with their Hokie Passport. The study room consistently receives good use. From January to June 2008, 5,820 graduate students accessed the room. From July to December 2008, 6,859 accessed the room.

Questions and Comments

Hitchingham said she still does not know the budget situation yet but is preparing for the worst - a one million dollar cut in collections.

There was discussion about the cost of LexisNexis vs. Factiva, which is free. Hitchingham noted that LexisNexis cost \$42,000 and explained that Factiva is not actually free. The Library has access to Factiva through its affiliation with the VIVA group. There was also discussion about the online benefits of Elsevier.

Maisel mentioned that she is considering drafting legislation from the Student Government Association regarding implementing a library fee and requested that Hitchingham give a presentation at the SGA meeting next week.

Mazumder said that she plans to bring up the library budget cut issues at the GSA Cabinet.

It was also mentioned that the Town Hall meeting would be a good venue for asking about the library budget. There are two upcoming Town Hall meetings - Tuesday, February 17, at 4:00pm and Wednesday, February 18, at 11:00. Both meetings will be held in Burruss Auditorium.

Tour of Library Space Projects

Hitchingham took committee members on a tour to see the followings areas and recent projects:

- New study room near Torgersen Bridge
- Graduate study room on the fourth floor
- Marble stairwell to the fourth floor
- Space on the first floor where the study café will be located
- April 16 Archive computer terminal on the second floor