

Library Advisory Committee

Minutes from October 7, 2005

In attendance: Anne Bridges, Gina Boisclair, Sally Bremner, Garry Kaulitz, Hiroko Harada, Virginia, Juettner, Robert McCoy, Cora Neal, Steve Rollins, Steven Shore, Deborah Tharp and students Ashley Hice, Rebecca Reyes, and Iain Morris.

The library continues to host a variety of conferences, lectures, and meetings. We encourage faculty to check the Consortium Library website for upcoming events.

One issue of importance is the ever increasing cost of academic journals. Faculty give their research results to journal publishers and universities are required to pay to “buy back” that information, taxing the financial resources of the library. Proquest is suggesting that universities create a “Digital Commons” as one possible solution to this crisis. For more information, attend the following event.

Digital Commons

Nov.3rd at 9am. Library 307

Proquest will be making a presentation on the Digital Commons, which is Proquest’s platform for supporting an institutional repository. Walt Beal and Jeff Riedel from Proquest will be here to discuss the benefits of institutional publishing and self-archiving for faculty, administration, and libraries.

The Library Advisory Committee discussed possible criteria for allocating library carrels to graduate students and faculty. No decisions have been made. If you have input on this topic, please email Dean Rollins.

The addition of a suggestion box in the library or an electronic suggestion box on the library web page was proposed. The feasibility of this is being researched. The committee is interested in preparing a library brochure providing a synopsis of the history of the library, the architectural details of the building, and information about the variety of resources available to help inform the community about the Consortium Library.

The Library Advisory Committee often invites guest lecturers from the library staff to keep us abreast of the myriad of resources available. Some of the possible topics that were suggested for this year are the music listening room, an overview of the electronic resources, an exploration of the archive holdings, and the library’s collections of videos and electronic books. If you are interested in attending presentations of this nature, please feel free to join the committee. We generally meet at 11:45 am on the first Friday of each month in the dean’s conference room on the third floor of the library. If you would like to receive information about the dates and topics of the presentations, please contact Cora Neal or Anne Bridges.