

Minutes

University Library Committee September 14, 2010

Present:

Ruth Grene; Kurt Zimmerman; Hilary Bryon; Werner Kohler; Monica Ponder; Carolyn Meier; Louellen Sharp; Eric Williams; Eileen Hitchingham; Michael Saffle; Caroline Gimenez

Welcome and Introductions – Ruth Grene, Chairperson of the University Library Committee welcomed the committee members (attached) and asked that they introduce themselves.

University Library Committee in the Governance System - Eileen Hitchingham, Library Dean, shared a chart (attached) which outlined the responsibilities of the University Library Committee and how it fits in the University governance structure. The ULC reports to the Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies, the Commission of Undergraduate Studies and Policies, and the Commission on Research.

Search for Library Dean –EH noted that she will be retiring in spring 2011. The Provost has formed a search committee (http://www.provost.vt.edu/search_dean_libraries.php) made up of members from the library and the university community. It is anticipated that candidates may be invited to campus by December or early January. Eileen encouraged ULC members to submit nominations to the Provost's Office if they knew of potential candidates they would like to see considered.

Library study/café - EH said that the contract for the library study café had worked its way through university offices, and was very near final signing. She hopes to be able to let ULC members know who was awarded the contract by the next meeting. The entry door on the lower level of Newman- the study café area - was opened after Labor Day, and there is already considerable use of the new area.

End-of-the-Year numbers – EH shared a chart, which showed the percentage of library funds expended against the general areas of materials, salaries and wages, and library operations (attached). When compared to other Association of Research Libraries members, the Virginia Tech library expends a considerably larger segment of its funds on electronic and print resources than other libraries.

Other from Library Committee members- The Chairperson asked if Library Committee members had other library related comments or questions.

- Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine – This is a partnership between Virginia Tech and Carilion. The VTCSOM has a library at the Roanoke facility. Some of the details are still being worked out. It appears that students and other designated groups at the VTCSOM will have access to the University Libraries electronic resources for those periods of time that they are recognized as graduate students and partnered researchers of Virginia Tech. VTSCOM students and faculty will have the same in-person borrowing privileges from VT as do faculty and graduate students at Virginia Tech.
- Web of Science- a committee member expressed relief that the subscription to the Web of Science was continued after the review of spring 2009. This is a critical tool for many in the sciences. EH noted that similar sentiments were expressed by many in the university community when materials were reviewed.