

University Library Committee Meeting Minutes
Oct. 3, 2016
12:00-1:00 pm
Newman Library 6th Floor Board Room

Attendees: Heidi Anne Mesmer (Chair), Tyler Walters (Dean of the Library), Michael Kucsak (Assistant Dean and Chief of Staff of the library), Bryan Matthews (Associate Dean, Learning), Godmar Back, Ginny Pannabecker, Quinn Steen, Vincent Magnini, Jactone Ogejo, Julie Speer, Anthony Carno, Hilary Bryon, Cornel Sultan, Nicholas Loehr, Melvin Amos

Katie Boes, Mary Finn (Absent/ill)

Old Business:

None

New Business:

1. **Introductions:** Members of the committee introduced themselves.
2. **Changes in Newman Library and Renovations**

Fourth Floor Space Being Cleared for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Cluster (2000-3000 Sq Ft)

Books are being moved from the 4th floor to other parts of the library or to the Library Services Center on Prosperity Dr. The Innovation and Entrepreneurship Cluster, a Strategic Growth Area that is part of the Provost's Destination Areas will use the space to support collaborative faculty-student-community-business initiatives. The goal of the space will be to support project-based experiential learning and it is envisioned as a fairly open space. The 4th Floor Study Lounge will remain. The design of the space, service model, and other specifics are still being developed in coordination with the Provost's office.

Materials Being Moved from Library to Off-Site Center.

Mostly books are being moved from between the 3rd-5th floors and a Library Service Center on Prosperity Place in the Blacksburg Industrial Park. The choice of materials is not limited to those on the 4th floor. Every subject is touched to make space. A conservative approach was taken but after the move, about 30% of the materials being shifted are being moved to the Library Services Center. The determining factors for which materials to move was use and age. Nothing was moved out that is younger than 10 years old. There is an effort to make the Library Service Center a bit more accessible and open to faculty. The Center's space will be tight after move. Faculty can request that certain copies of books be brought back on campus.

The library is making the collection more accessible via an expanded delivery service and is trying to expand digital delivery via scanning.

Space Issues

Space is a major issue- Accommodating the needs of a faculty and staff the size of VT is very difficult. More space is needed for studying. SGA representatives met with Tyler and they want more study spaces and student carrels. Students want to be in the library. No university the

size of VT has a space that is as small. VT has 1/3 of the seating of VCU or UVA. Newman was built in 1980 but the student population has grown 45%. There is not going to be another library according the capital plan. One possible solution would be an “Active Learning” center, like Purdue University for studying and group work.

3. Review of Peer Libraries Study

In 2015-16, the ULC recommended that Newman conduct a study of libraries at peer universities to gauge where it falls in comparison to other libraries amongst peers. After collecting data about peers from available sources, Newman staff used a very compact survey to complete the study focusing on—spaces, labs, port digital visualization, products and services, and partnerships. This data will come back on Oct. 28.th Some form of the report will be shared at the next ULC meeting in early Dec. The data will be used as a platform to connect with constituents.

4. Digital Literacy Course

Digital Literacy Course is in the works in collaboration with Dean Spiller—a D-Hub on the first floor to accommodate data literacy and data projects is being conceptualized (e.g., Data Discovery and Data Visualization).