

Minutes of Librarian's Meeting, April 23, 2018

Present: Dejah Rubel, Heather Symon Bassett, Mari Kermit-Canfield, Melinda Isler, Kristy Motz, Fran Rosen, David Scott, Ann Breitenwischer, Leah Monger, Scott Garrison, Gary Maixner, Stacy Anderson

Guests: Amy Greene, Executive Director for Online learning, Ferris eLearning

Absent: Paul Kammerdiner, Ali Konieczny, Sela Constan-Wahl

Call to Order (Isler)

The meeting was called to order at 1 pm by Melinda.

Approval of Minutes (Symon Bassett)

Minutes for the February 27, 2018 Librarian's Meeting and March 19, 2018 Special Librarian's Meeting were approved unanimously.

LMS systems and possible change (Greene)

Amy attended the meeting to inform the group that the University's Blackboard contract expires in 2020 and with a request for two FLITE faculty volunteers to serve on an E-Learning Management Advisory Team Sub-Committee to explore various learning management system options. She explained that her Ferris eLearning office works with a variety of online students (program, statewide and main campus students), as well as with hybrid courses and that her office has received reports of challenges in working with Blackboard. Functions of the Sub-Committee would include: identifying which systems warrant review, creating a timeline for reviewing them, arranging vendor presentations and/or sandboxes, inviting faculty feedback, performing systematic review of that feedback, using data for making a decision and determining how to accomplish the migration. Amy noted the Sub-Committee would have a summer meeting schedule and that remote attendance would be a possibility. She indicated that faculty from her office are starting to gather information about various systems at vendor forums and that she has been working within University Information Technology Services processes for new software requests. Amy is hoping for a decision in 2019, which would leave up to a full year for training prior to the Fall 2020 implementation (if a software other than Blackboard was selected and training is needed). Amy requested that any library faculty interested in volunteering contact her by 5 pm on May 1, 2018 via email.

Dean's Update (Garrison)

Scott indicated that he didn't have a formal Dean's report and asked if the Librarians had questions for him. Kristy inquired regarding progress on Work Plan meetings with Librarians. Scott reported having met with five to six Librarians to discuss progress on Work Plans. He reported the meetings have been "good conversations" and have included discussion of other work activities that may have caused some deviation from original Work Plans. At those meetings, he has also been requesting librarians to think about their Plans for the upcoming year.

Database interface/changes/updates discussions (Motz & Rubel)

Kristy posed the question of librarian's meetings being the appropriate forum to discuss database updates and changes. She indicated several other options including the Rad Tech Work Group meetings or resuming Librarian Liaison Meetings, though her feeling was Rad Tech Work Group meetings would not be the most apt forum. While it was noted that email communications regarding database changes are appreciated, discussion suggested that face to face meetings to communicate changes are also desirable. Mari indicated that she does forward pertinent emails relating to databases changes to RIS student workers. The group discussed the regularity of database changes, how and to whom vendors communicate database changes (if at all in some cases), the need to make sure all FLITE stakeholders are invited to whatever meeting forum was selected and the importance of having group input for changes involving decisions. After discussing several options, the group decided resuming librarian liaison meetings for the purpose of discussing database changes would be advisable, making sure that other library staff who work closely with FLITE's information resources were invited. Scott agreed to schedule the meeting and inquired regarding possible agenda items. The group offered that discussion of changes and/or updates to ERIC, SmartSearch, Gale and Opposing ViewPoints databases may be worthwhile.

Other

Stacy indicated that that National Genealogical Society 2018 Family History Conference would occur in Grand Rapids from May 2-5, 2018. She indicated that she will be volunteering at this free event featuring over 175 lectures and many exhibitors.

Dave indicated that he is still seeking a variety of items for the Exam Week "nap room" occurring April 30-May 2, 2018, including night lights, blankets, mats, beanbags etc. (refer to emails sent on 4/12 and 4/23/18 for more details).

Dejah reminded the group of the Primo May 2018 Release Highlights Webinar scheduled for April 24, 2018, at 11 am.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Submitted by: Heather Symon Bassett

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