

Present: Rick Bearden, Paul Kammerdiner, Scott Atwell, Kristy Motz, Richard Cochran, Ann Breitenwischer, Deborah McGowan, Melinda Isler, Ali Konieczny, Fran Rosen, Yuri Konovalov, Maureen Watson, Jodi Shepherd

Richard reported on the Dean's Council meeting:

Beth Krueger talked about some improvements at FSU in handling visas/immigration. A new policy will go out soon for general distribution.

Academic Affairs has hired a budget analyst. There will be more information soon about what money is available.

President Eisler has given the go ahead for the Archives to move to Alumni 101. This is very good news.

They had an interesting philosophical conversation about positioning Ferris as a quality/competitive institution. We have to remind our colleagues that we all have a responsibility to provide quality resources, services, classes, etc. We all have to be creative in promoting the institution. FSU's graduation rate is at the bottom of the MI state universities. John Deegan, one of the provost candidates, spoke recently and said that institutions should not be in online learning unless we can do a quality job.

Richard reported that Mark Eichenberg was at the library looking at what needs to be done to get the extended hours area finished. Robert Barnum is removing the mold that is growing on the back of the mural. FLITE will open up the 1st floor for extended hours.

Student appreciation activities: Student appreciation day is April 16th. Patron Appreciation Day is April 15th. Richard will give the FLITE Annual Report at the April staff meeting. He will include staff accomplishments.

Rick asked if there was any hint about the library budget issues for next year. Richard hasn't heard anything negative that would be bad for the library. Tom Oldfield doesn't want to talk about increasing the library budget, or giving the library one-time money, until he gets more of a handle on the money situation.

Rick announced that we have 1 film from FMG available as a streaming video from their site. However it won't work with the Innovative proxy server. We've set up a user name & password so students can see the film.

Rick asked that we encourage people to take the survey to gather responses to the Encore interface.

Dave said that some people search the regular catalog looking for the Media Distribution collection. Rick said he would add some words directing people from the regular catalog to the Media Distribution catalog (FSU Media Booking)

Rick mentioned that we are in the process of getting the contract for printing renewed, and he should be informed if things stop working.

Rick also mentioned that the new \$5 bill is not recognized by the change machines.

Richard said the work on Room 114 will be scheduled. There has been discussion about keeping 108 as an instruction studio. Richard said there has been discussion about what we need to spend for hardware in coming years and questions about replacing the public computers. We have a 3-year service agreement but a 4-year replacement cycle. Richard doesn't want to replace computers that don't need to be replaced. He hopes we can replace zones in the Building, instead of replacing everything. There is money in the Timme fund that should be used to maintain technology in the building. Richard said we should view 114 as a pilot, and we should plan to upgrade the other Instruction Studios. 114 will cost around \$15,000.

Ann asked about replacing the screens in the meeting rooms. Richard said there might be some things that could be done to make the screens work better & we should try that, but up til now screen replacement hasn't been part of the plan. Rick suggested we should get a bid for replacing the screens.

Melinda reported on a joint project with the University photographer. She said they have successfully photos taken in 2008 to a server. The library is not yet linked in. This is very timely because the photos are all digital and the University has signed a contract with an outside press to create a digital history of the University.

Richard was at a meeting recently & heard an update on statewide scanning projects. He said at the Detroit Public Library they've scanned in around 180,000 images of historic Detroit.