

Present: Scott Atwell, Ray Dickinson, David Scott, Melinda McMartin, Ann Breitenwischer, Julia Buryk, Fran Rosen, Yuri Konovalov, Leah Monger; with Richard Cochran coming in later.

Since Joe & Rick were not present, and Richard was to be late, he asked Leah to start the meeting without him.

Julia reported that she & Richard are working on a memo to the president asking for the creation of a committee to update the copyright policy. There was a committee brought together in 1997 and it produced documents detailing both university policy and library policy. However, almost nobody knows about these documents. Julia passed out a 1-page "Statement on the Use of Copyrighted Materials", dated 3/26/97. The old policy is out-of-date, both because of technological advances and because important legislation has been passed. Since the "Librarian for Interlibrary Loans" is the University Copyright Officer, and Reference librarians have responsibility for educating the community about copyright, Richard feels it makes sense for librarians to request that a new university-wide committee be created. New law also requires that efforts be made to educate the community about copyright policy, so that needs to be done as well. Ann told us some of the history of the creation of the 1997 policy, and said that significant contributions were made by people across the campus, and this is what we need now. When the memo is finished Julia will distribute it to the librarians before it is sent to the VPAA.

Fran gave an update on Acquisitions. We need to spend Yankee money. Please let Fran know if you are not going to spend your allocated Yankee money. There is unallocated Yankee money for special projects; again let Fran know if you have a special project. If liaisons need assistance they should contact Fran. Yankee money should be spent by May 1<sup>st</sup>, with May 15<sup>th</sup> being a more firm deadline. There is non-Yankee money for special purchases although Fran isn't sure how much. Plus we are working on spending the special allocation from the VPAA.

Leah spoke about the American Democracy Project. They want to have a common theme for next year's events, and will focus on the First Amendment. Bill Potter suggested using relevant Woodbridge Ferris quotes in FSUS classes, but Melinda isn't sure such quotes exist. They also would like to have a list of web resources about the First Amendment available so that faculty who wish to integrate the topic into their curriculum can find resources. The library can create such a list. There is a plan to have the Quiz again (renamed a Contest) to focus attention on a display in the library. There are also plans to have some activities around President's Day. The Political Engagement Project is also going on at Ferris, and is focused on getting faculty from around campus to try to incorporate political engagement into their classes.

Julia mentioned that she is putting together a display for National Library Week/National Library Worker's Day. For National Library Worker's Day she wants to highlight behind-the-scenes work. She has given Kent some information for a display & is

gathering statistics, such as how many students work here shelving books. The display will also highlight some of the things we do at FLITE, such as online databases, topographical maps to check out, live chat, the adaptive technology room, etc.

The display case next to the Reference desk (where the 5-year anniversary display is now) will be permanently used to promote FLITE resources & services.

Melinda commented that we are still working on putting up a test collection in FIR. The General Counsel looked at the FIR documentation and had no problem with it and believes we should make the content as widely available as possible. Also, the archives is putting up a table on Women in Ferris History for the Sister Stroll. There will be a display of original materials, plus wonderful bookmarks that Media Distribution was able to create at short notice.

Richard discoursed on the UAP presentations. The VPAA asked for some statistics to underline his support of the library. Richard added a summary of increases in circulation and turnstile count. Some text had to be abridged so everything would still fit on 2 pages. The planning presentation to the president will be on Thursday March 30<sup>th</sup>. Richard also noted that the VPAA is optimistic that we'll have an increased Acquisitions budget.

Richard has made an offer for the Health Sciences Librarian position, we are waiting for a response.

Ray expressed his concern about the problems with IS&T and wondered if there was any news.

Richard responded that he is expecting to see a new proposal from IS&T and has been told that it will be better. Richard has been talking to people and making clear his position that removing computer support from the building is a bad idea.

Richard also let us know that Michael Harris should be approving the Reference & Instruction Librarian position soon.