

Librarians Meeting 8/27/07

Present: Ann Breitenwischer, Richard Cochran, Paul Kammerdiner, Scott Atwell, Melinda McMartin, Maureen Watson, Rick Bearden, Leah Monger, Yuri Kononov, Dave Scott, Deborah McGowan, Julia Buryk, Kristy Motz, Jodi Shepherd, Fran Rosen.

Richard reported that at Dean's Council they announced that Fall enrollment is 12,950, which is up 560 from last year; and on-campus enrollment is 9626, up 226 from last year. [Note, these are unofficial figures, as of 8/27/07.] Dean's Council discussed many things dealing with off-campus programming, including things the Deans have to do to support it. They talked about issues involving transfer of credits. Strategic Planning is a big thing this year, and there will be stakeholder's conferences on August 30th & 31st.

Richard asked Paul to speak about SPARC. Paul said they met a couple of weeks ago and talked about 2 documents: Planning Assumptions and Driving Forces. These documents are now open for comment. They are considered to be the pivots for the university's strategic planning.

Richard said that there is a question about how this planning will work with the UAP process. President Eisler asked the Deans [Vice Presidents] **how they want to handle this, however their response has not been finalized.** There won't be additional resources available for the UAPs to draw on as there has been in the past. Richard said they say there will be a strategic rollout of the strategic plan in March/April 2008. He said that President Eisler feels that the annual effort involved with the UAP process is excessive & doesn't need to be done every year. Paul said they want to have the majority of the work of SPARC done by the end of the academic year.

Richard mentioned that the current state budget **proposal** shows FSU getting an increase, **but it will be some time before a final number is approved.** He also mentioned the revenues generated by UCEL & FSU-GR; approximately \$356,000 UCEL money and \$200,000 FSU-GR money is being redistributed. Richard mentioned the idea of us getting support for off-campus resources; he distributed the FLITE log at Dean's Council and pointed out FLITE's e-resources.

Rick said there are 2 new mechanisms on the web site. One is a detailed & well-maintained chart listing all the software available in all the rooms, it includes a reverse lookup so you can put in the name of a piece of software & find out what rooms have it installed. The other is a sign-up system for library instruction on the web. We can tell faculty about it, they can use it any time. Eventually Kristy hopes to use this software to keep track of all instruction sessions.

Melinda wanted to discuss a process that we might use to plan for use of rooms in the library. The FCTL has vacated space and what is the process for us to make a proposal for what that space should be used for? How do we work with faculty to strengthen our proposals so they will be approved? There was a proposal to use some of that for an ISAR space but the VPAA tabled it. Also, what about space that has been library space but that we might want to re-purpose, how does that get discussed and resolved?

Richard said that Tom Oldfield said he had talked to President Eisler about the 4th floor. Apparently all space re-allocations are on hold. The President wants procedures that VP's will use when they plan for space. Tom would welcome a recommendation.

There was some talk about having an internal procedure so that when a recommendation did come from the library, it would be explicitly supported by the library faculty. Rick suggested that we start from basic principles, and he suggested some: Serve students/faculty/staff; improve efficiency/quality of service; don't break up collection unnecessarily; value for Ferris mission. There was a question about whether the university administration could take some FLITE space. Melinda says the best way to prevent that is to have our own plans for the space. It was also suggested that if people have ideas for use of space, this would be a good time to flesh out those ideas. Rick suggested that Melinda put together a recommendation and bring it to the Librarians; this would deal with how we go about making recommendations for space allocation.

There was also talk about making FLITE 114 into a smart-room Instruction studio and doing something else with FLITE 108 which is not a very good room to use for Instruction. There has been discussion about this for several months in various meetings. Richard expects that this can be done this Fall. Kristy will write up a memo about the change & what is required. We can talk about the future of FLITE 108 using our soon-to-be developed procedure for discussing library space.