



April 17, 2013 Ferris Library Advisory Council Meeting

Chairperson: Scott Garrison

Present: Scott Garrison, Leah Monger, Rick Bearden, Josie VanAvery, Randall Schroeder, Kristy Motz, Melinda Isler, Lyle Mourer, David Scott.

Topics

Draft Core Values/Mission/Vision

Scott noted that he still has a few people to discuss the core value/vision/mission statement and then will prepare multiple drafts of the final statement. In addition, he would like to focus on what everyone's aspirations are for the future of FLITE and engage in discussion of that at the All-Staff meeting tomorrow. He would then process all of the information to develop statement drafts. He also noted that he has been able to develop a draft of the core values from the information he has already received.

Scott presented the draft to the council to review and offer comments on the content. The draft included the question, "how do we live these values at work, every day?" He mentioned that this will be a public document that faculty, staff, students, and the community, whether they contribute through taxpayer dollars or not, will be reflected.

There was discussion identifying areas of the draft that could be re-worded or depicted more clearly.

Some notations included the following:

- Technology was not included within the draft and discussion continued.
- Should it state "who are we".
- It is it too much information-"who are we" might need to be separate.
- Core values might need to be just core values?
- The description of the access provided should be made clearer.
- The idea of what is valued and what is the meaning of diverse information.
- What is the meaning behind access?
- Interpretation of the chosen words.
- The six core value words?
- Teaching in terms of learning and core values?
- FLITE is a place to come together, work with people, work with information and learn.
- How technology is defined, a piece of infrastructure?
- Technology is a tool and tools are going to change?

Scott then noted he picked up some interesting ideas from the focus group exercise. Some ideas were as follows:

- Knowledge is what I know.
- Information is what we collectively know.
- You can teach an individual information skill so they can construct their own knowledge.

Scott added that he wanted to gauge a reaction to the draft and what he has acquired so far. He mentioned that collaboration with the building partners also needs to be included.

**Flexible Furniture – Lower Level/ 2nd Floor / 4th Floor
(See Karen’s Options and Prices)**

Scott presented information that he received from Karen Simmon and asked the council to review. Scott is interested in the new furniture for the lower level and the second floor. The first layout reviewed was the second floor options.

Rick suggested moving some of the microfilm/microfiche reader copiers to room 205 to allow space for new furniture. It will depend on how much space is needed for daily maintenance. He would also like to incorporate some taller dividers to absorb noise therefore, improving the décor but decrease the sound/noise.

Scott voiced support if we could open up some space for a new arrangement of furniture favorable to the student.

Leah suggested going online to virtually view library space and white noise.

Scott suggested a visit to Steelcase University and welcomes anyone who would want to arrange that visit within their schedule.

David suggested the decoration of some of the large all white walls on the first floor to absorb some of the noise generated on the first floor.

Scott favored placing artwork on the walls.

Randall noted hearing information from other libraries that suggests the students prefer to move furniture around as well as white boards to where they are most comfortable and it meets their needs as an individual or with a group.

Melinda voiced concerns of actual space compared to the blueprint of speculated space.

Rick suggested re-purposing the white boards not being used that are currently located on the fourth floor to some of the study rooms. He also suggested moving the large white board taken out of room 405 to room 248 on the west wall. He and Lyle will measure the wall to confirm that location will work well.

Scott suggested acquiring furniture on a trial basis to find out if it meets the student’s need.

Other Business/Roundtable

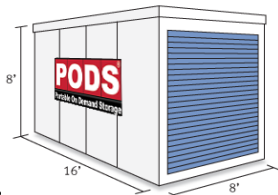
JStor Update

Leah noted an update on JSTOR stating Tammy is working diligently on withdrawing duplicate print and microform journal volumes that are safely archived as part of the JSTOR journal collections. Tammy has started pulling volumes and microforms for withdrawal, and there are

lots of trucks with withdrawals-to-be sitting in FLT 414 right now. Leah also noted that Roger Bula stated we could recycle the withdrawn film/fiche journal volumes when we were ready. There was not any set time frame to ship but it would be sometime this summer.

Dave noted that physical plant suggested that the withdrawn books accumulate before they are dropped into the dumpster because otherwise the dumpster fills up with rain water before it is full enough to be dumped. Currently, Dave is stacking the books on pallets located in the loading dock.

Lyle voiced concerns regarding the books and the fire code. Lyle suggested renting a pod which was viewed as a favorable idea because it is completely enclosed. Example below:



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Leah touched base on the new position as to whether it would be posted soon.

Josie noted that the HAF was pushed through to HR and should be posted soon.

Rick noted that one more phone call should be made to address the new position to assure its posting.

Josie also noted that the purchase order was assigned to the new Primo system and the product may now be ordered and implemented.

David noted most of the Federal Legal is downstairs. The next group to be moved is the Michigan Legal.

Adjourned @ 3:09.

On deck for future meetings:

- * moving forward with the new position
- * assessment of last year's reorganization. What has gone well? What needs to be revisited? What remains unfinished?
- * managing building partner relationships
- * cafe logistics
- * vision/mission/values/strategic planning

**Next Meeting
May 22, 2013, 2:00-3:00 p.m.**