

## **MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD**

### **September 19, 2012**

Amy Rosenstein, chair, convened the meeting at 4:03 p.m., in Witters Conference Room 4440.

**Present:** Melissa Caldwell, Gary Hanebrink, Darren Hendrickson, Amitabh Joshi, Patrick Lach, Dean Allen Lanham, Robert Martinez, Betsy Pudliner, Amy Rosenstein, Jenny Sipes, Ed Wehrle, and Wen Li Yao.

**Excused:** Ryan Hendrickson, Teri Hunt, James Ochwa-Echel, and Jay Shinde.

#### **I. Welcome and Comments**

Introductions were made and welcome given to the new members of the Board.

A motion was made by Dr. Joshi and seconded by Dr. Wehrle to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2012, meeting; the motion carried.

#### **II. Communications**

Communications were received from Teri Hunt, James Ochwa-Echel and Jay Shinde regarding their inability to attend this meeting.

#### **III. Old Business**

There was no old business.

#### **IV. New Business**

Booth Library's appearance on the EIU homepage was discussed via email over the summer and again today. Fortunately, due to the faculty support, Booth Library is now mentioned on the same line as "Academics" but one still has to click on a drop down menu to get to the Library page. Discussion ensued with regard to inviting webmaster, Ryan Gibson, to the next meeting and the writing of a corporate letter mentioning the faculty support and need for Booth Library having its own place on the EIU homepage. This would make a statement to others viewing the homepage that EIU's Library is an integral part of life at Eastern Illinois University, the Library's presence embraces the goals of the institution, and that the Library has a significant role in research, which raises the bar for students. Dr. Wehrle made a motion to write the letter, including an invitation to webmaster Ryan Gibson to the next meeting, and Dr. Pudliner seconded; the motion passed. It was decided that the letter would be drafted by Dr. Wehrle and circulated via email, with a deadline of September 28 for further discussion, additions or corrections to the letter. This would be followed by a motion being made and voted upon with regard to sending the letter as written to Ryan Gibson. Dr. Sipes, Student Affairs Ex-officio) requested that the Board consider allowing the ex-officio members to vote. Dr. Lanham said that the Bylaws could be amended if the Board wanted.

#### **Dean's Report**

Dean Lanham thanked the Board members for their service for this academic year. He then briefly reviewed the contents of the packets given to each member, containing information about Booth Library and its faculty and staff.

#### Personnel

There have been some recent faculty and staff changes at Booth Library. Stacey Knight-Davis is the new head of Library Technology Services. In July William Schultz came on board as a new cataloging librarian, and his bibliographic area is Anthropology/Sociology. With regard to staff changes, there were four promotions: Chris Cougill, Deborah Fennema, Sally Van der Graaff, and Lee Whitacre. Consequently, the Library is in the process of hiring a Library Specialist in Library Technology Services and a Library

Assistant in Circulation. There have also been two other new hires: Michele Lindstedt in Circulation (replacing a staff member who moved) and Beth Heldebrandt, editorial writer, filling a vacant position in the Dean's office.

#### Public Service Issues

- The 2013 Reddin Grants provided funds to make healthy additions to Booth Library's collection.
- Booth Library tours and instruction classes have been heavy this fall semester. Librarians also participated in an intense summer program which gave some (borderline) students a break. As a result, 57 of those students are now freshmen at EIU.
- The reference department has adopted another strategy in reaching students and that is for them to roam through the stacks and other floors of the Library, reaching out to students not asking for help.
- A new photocopier contract for the campus is in place, Konica-Minolta. There are still issues with the Library's copiers, especially coin-operated machines, and it is hoped these problems can be addressed in the near future.

#### Programming Events

- *A Futuristic Look Through Ancient Lenses: A Symposium on Ancient Greece* is scheduled to begin the evening of October 3 with the opening reception and will continue to November 7, 2012. A program draft was circulated; there was some discussion with regard to the art work in the program. Dr. Pudliner made a motion to keep the program as is and Dr. Darren Hendrickson seconded; the motion carried.
- *20<sup>th</sup> Century American Popular Music*, NEH/ALA grant program, is an exhibit and film program planned for February – March 2013. There will be films, concerts, lectures, exhibits, and a regional touring plan to "reach out to the community" by the sharing of the grant program with six public libraries: Robinson, Decatur, Danville, Shelbyville, Paris, and Marshall.

#### Planning Issues

- *2013 Booth Library Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creativity*, in its fourth year (to be discussed at the next meeting).
- *Literature of Prescription: Charlotte Perkins Gilman and the Yellow Wall Paper*, exhibit and event series, September 23 to November 2, 2013.
- *The Decade of the 1960s* (working title), exhibit and speaker series is planned for fall 2014. This is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that era and the influence of the 1960s is still with us today.
- *Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War* exhibit and speaker series, September 1 to October 15, 2015, ALA/U.S. Constitution Center.
- *For all the World to See: Visual Culture and the Struggle for Civil Rights*, exhibit and event series, September 1 to October 20, 2016, NEH on the Road.

#### Budget Issues

The FY2013 budget standing is stable from last year. There have been no overall changes to the Books and Materials Budget.

#### **V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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