

MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
April 15, 2015

Dr. Robert Martinez, Chair of the Library Advisory Board, convened the meeting at 4:04 p.m. in Witters Conference Room 4440.

Present: Kristin Brown, Allen Lanham, Danelle Larson, Zhiwei Liu, Robert Martinez, Hasan Mavi, Stu Sallehu, Bill Slough, and Ed Wehrle

Excused (including Alternates): Jason Hamilton, Simon Lee, Jay Shinde, Jenny Sipes, and Ravi Somayajulu

I. Welcome and Comments

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Dr. Ed Wehrle, and seconded by Dr. Bill Slough, to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2015, meeting. The motion carried.

II. Communications

Communications were received from Jason Hamilton, Simon Lee, Jay Shinde, and Jenny Sipes regarding their inability to attend today's meeting. Communication was also received from Ravi Somayajulu stating that he could no longer serve on the Library Advisory Board, as he and his wife would be leaving EIU at the end of the term.

III. Old Business

2015 Book and Materials Budget:

Dean Lanham told the Board that the library would not know what budget cuts might be expected for this next fiscal year until sometime during the summer, after June 30, the end date of the FY2015 fiscal year. He indicated that if the Board wanted, his office could email them that information and he could schedule a meeting during the summer to discuss the budget. There were no comments or questions.

IV. New Business

Dr. Martinez opened the floor for nominations of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Library Advisory Board for the 2015-2016 academic year. Dr. Danelle Larson was nominated as chair by Dr. Jason Hamilton. Dr. Martinez asked if anyone else would like to self-nominate and Dr. Hasan Mavi indicated he would like the position of Vice-Chair. Dr. Ed Wehrle then nominated Dr. Mavi as Vice-Chair. No one else was nominated or volunteered. A vote was taken to appoint Dr. Danelle Larson as Chair and Dr. Hasan Mavi as Vice-Chair; these two were unanimously elected.

Dean's Report

I. Welcome

Dr. Lanham thanked Board members for their service to Booth Library this year. A Booth Library promotional umbrella was given to all those present.

After wishing all a “Happy National Library Week,” Dean Lanham briefly outlined the activities scheduled for the week:

- The opening reception for an exhibit, “The Artwork of Russell Means,” hosted by President Bill Perry, was held Monday night. The artwork is on loan from a major EIU donor who was in attendance with his family and guests. This exhibit will remain at Booth Library until the middle of May.
- A reception, in celebration of National Library Workers’ Day, was held Tuesday afternoon. There was food, games and fellowship.
- Today the annual book sale is in progress. Nearly \$1,500 has been made so far. [Note, after meeting: final total was \$1693.48]
- After today’s meeting, a reception will be held for the award winners of Booth Library’s *2015 Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creativity* program.
- Thursday afternoon the library will host the 5th Annual Edible Book Festival.

II. Public Service and Collection Issues

The 2015 Periodicals and Standing Order Review results are posted on Booth Library’s website [<http://www.library.eiu.edu/perreview/2015/periodicalreview.html>].

III. Programming Events

Possible topics for 2016 and out:

- *Water: Resource for Life* from the Smithsonian Museum. The grant for this is almost finished and already lined up to make presentations are faculty from Geology/Geography, Chemistry and Biology. Dean Lanham extended an invitation for Board members to let their faculty know that the Library would make room in the program for any other speakers that would want to participate.
- Shakespeare 400th Anniversary. This is a minor event celebrating the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare’s death. Booth Library will not make a major exhibit out of it.
- *Latino Americans: 500 Years* from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association. Booth Library has withdrawn from submitting a grant as the Latino community on campus has plans in progress.

IV. Planning Issues

- 2015 Booth Library Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creativity—award reception today.
- Planned Events and Major Exhibitions:
 - *Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War* exhibit and speaker series, September 1 to October 15, 2015, ALA/U.S. Constitution Center. There has already been a call for presentations and the Library has a list of activities planned; however, the Library can always make room for more lectures and presentations.
 - *Dust, Drought, and Dreams Gone Dry* exhibit and programs planned for spring 2016, NEH/ALA grant.

- *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.

V. Financial Issues

Booth Library will have ten (10) vacant positions by the end of summer. There is one faculty position and one department head position vacant, as well as civil service positions. Three positions are due to retirement. Dean Lanham has been discussing this problem with the Provost and many scenarios have been considered, from hiring at least 5 more staff to being closed one day a week or reduced hours of operation. However, no decisions will be made until there is a budget in place for the Library.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Christine Derrickson, Recording Secretary