

MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
February 8, 2017

Dr. Kristin Brown, chair of the Library Advisory Board, convened the meeting at 4:03 p.m. in Witters Conference Room 4440.

Present: Crystal Brown, Kristin Brown, Linda Ghent, Lance Hogan, Zhiwei Liu, Sham'ah Md-Yunus, Nora Pat Small, and Stu Sallehu

Excused (including alternates): Wutthigrai Boonsuk, Carrie Dale, Stefan Eckert, Jo Gentry, Gopal Periyannan, and Bailey Young

I. Welcome and Comments

Dr. Kristin Brown welcomed the Board members to this second meeting of the semester.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Dr. Linda Ghent and seconded by Dr. Nora Pat Small to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2017, meeting. The motion passed with one member abstaining.

II. Communications

Communications were received from Dr. Wutthigrai Boonsuk, Dr. Carrie Dale, and Dr. Gopal Periyannan regarding their inability to attend today's meeting.

III. Old Business

There was no old business.

IV. New Business

Dean's Report

I. Welcome

- Dean Lanham introduced guest speaker, Ann Brownson, Reference librarian, who is coordinator of the Ballenger Teachers Center. Ms. Brownson is essentially the first leader of the center and has made the center into what it is today. The center has more than 40,000 items, including original items from the old Buzzard lab school, K-12 textbooks, as well as new items Ann has purchased over the years. In addition to books, there is a collection of non-print items such as games, puzzles, puppets, models, and a CD collection of books on tape. While the center is ordinarily used by students in education, recently the collection has been used by Communication Disorders. And, there has been an acquisition of English language-learning materials.

Ms. Brownson also listed what some of her activities are relative to the center— instruction in the use of various materials (e.g. Basal readers, books that can be used for developing units and teaching activities); tours; story times; and, readers advisory for our students and campus and community members.

Dean Lanham confirmed that the Ballenger Teachers Center is the only area in Booth Library that has a permanent endowment for collections. Also mentioned was how difficult this past year has been with layoffs and retirements and Ms. Brownson's concern about the center after she retires the first of May 2017. Dr. Liu stated that more publicity was needed about the center to alert community patrons of what is available.

- With respect to staffing issues, Dean Lanham reported that seven people are retiring from Booth Library this year. The Provost has announced that the process has begun for hiring an interim dean for the library when Dean Lanham retires.

II. Public Service and Collection Issues

- Until the end of February 2017, Booth Library will have a trial service of Kanopy, a media streaming resource. If the pilot program is successful, the library will extend this service. There are 27,000 academic film titles. Films can be watched from anywhere, anytime by all staff and students. The library does not pay for the viewing of films until after the fourth time a particular title has been accessed. Then the cost is \$150 per title, for the year. The titles rotate — some are added and some removed each year.
- Booth Library patrons now have access to BiblioBoard, featuring Popup Picks, a high profile selection of e-books that changes quarterly, plus additional collections of e-books, audio books, videos and audio files. There is no limit on simultaneous use; items in these collections can be read by one or 100 patrons at the same time. This means no hold queues and no waiting for titles. The Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS) has made these collections available to any Illinois resident.
- Dean Lanham noted that many discipline liaisons are putting up video instructions on how to find books at Booth Library.

III. Programming Events

Following are the current programming events:

- *A Question of History: Public History in Illinois*, a Historical Administration student exhibit and library series, March 30 – July 31, 2017. The Board is invited to attend the opening on March 30, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. to hear Dr. Samuel Wheeler, an Illinois State Historian, speak on “The next 100: The Future of Public History in Illinois. Dr. Nora Pat Small will assist in the recognition of participants at the opening, which starts at 7:00 p.m.
- National Library Week, April 9-15, 2017.
- Planned events and major exhibits:
 - *Harry Potter: Celebrating a Phenomenon*, Fall 2017; two faculty have come forward to work on this exhibit
 - *Influenza Pandemic Centennial* (tentative), Fall 2018
 - *For All the People: A Century of Citizen Action in Health Care Reform*, September 23 - November 2, 2019. This exhibit from the National Library of Medicine was obtained by Stacey Knight-Davis

- *Fire and Freedom: Food and Enslavement in Early America*, October 12-November 21, 2020

IV. Planning Issues

Booth Library's Awards for Excellence in Student Research & Creativity program has been fully announced across campus. The student submission date is March 24, 2017. Beth Heldebrandt, Booth Library's public relations director, will send student submissions to the Board via email and Christine will send the rubrics. The reception for award winners will be Wednesday, April 12, 2017, following the Board's last meeting of the semester. At that meeting there will be the election of new Board officers as well.

V. Financial Issues

Booth Library's budget remains extremely tight, and there have been no changes.

VI. Other

Dr. Nora Pat Small announced that the Historical Administration master's program will be discontinued after this current class graduates, due to two faculty members retiring in the summer of 2018 and the freeze on hiring. This program has been on campus for 42 years. It is hoped that the legislature can work out the budget issues so that this and other programs will remain at Eastern.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Christine Derrickson, recording secretary