Library Committee Minutes  
October 26th, 2012  
3:00 p.m.  
Room 105, Mabee Library

TO:  
Dr. Seid Adem  
Dr. David Bainum  
Dr. Alan Bearman  
Mr. Eric Benedict  
Mr. Sean Bird  
Dr. Jane Brown  
Dr. Barry Crawford  

The Library Committee convened in Mabee Library, Room 105 at 3:00 p.m. The following members were present: Dr. Bearman, Mr. Bird, Dr. Chamberlain, Dr. Ding, Dr. Herbig, Mr. Farwell, Ms. Konkel, Dr. Miller, Dr. Palbicke, Dr. Reynard, Dr. Russell, Dr. Schmiedeler, Dr. Watt, Ms. Weber, Ms. Weiner, and Dr. Wood. Guest, Gwen Wilson the new Health Sciences Librarian. Dr. Park and Dr. Schbley sent word they would be unable to attend.

Sean Bird nominated Dr. Leslie Reynard for Library Committee Chair for 2012/2013. Motion passed by acclamation.

Introduction of Committee Members.

Dr. Bearman reported that the library received an “exceed expectations” recommendation from Program Review in spring 2012.

Congratulations to Sean Bird who was promoted to Assistant Dean of University Libraries. Within the last year the library units had a lot of new hires; Kaydee Emperley and Jennifer Jenkins, Academic Advisors, Gwen Wilson, Health Sciences Librarian, Elise Blas, Information Literacy Librarian; and Amber Dickinson, FYE Coordinator.

A library usage chart was distributed to members and shows the library gate count continues to be staggering. (attached) Dr. Bearman reported at the campus Open Meeting for Campus Planning, the library was highlighted as the place to study and is undersized.

In September, the 2014 Budget Request was submitted. The library requested a 4% increase to maintain journal maintenance and $111,000 for new electronic resources. Additional problems have surfaced with all State Agencies being asked to prepare for a 10% cut. Since the State Library provides many resources that all state universities take advantage of, this could dramatically impact what the library does with electronic resources. Dr. Bearman requests faculty input and assistance to help identify and prioritize what resources to keep or streamline. Within the next few weeks the library will provide the departments with usage statistics and criteria to help make decisions regarding new purchases, cancellations, and the
reallocation of resources. The library will collect all the data and bring it back to the library committee for discussion before sending it the Faculty Senate with an explanation about how and why decisions about resources are being made.

Because of the Morgan Hall renovation the library had to move approximately 22,000 volumes from Morgan Hall Storage. The library will draft an off-site storage guidelines and procedures policy and bring it to the committee for discussion before sending it to the Faculty Senate; with the goal of ensuring all the faculty understand how and why the decisions about what items go to off-site storage were made.

Floyd Davenport, CIO/Director ITS, is working on a plan to better regulate student printing across campus. This is a conversation that the Library is actively participating in because usage statistics show that of the 596,241 copies printed to date this fall that 69% were printed in Mabee Library. The cost of free printing for students in Mabee Library continues to grow and, therefore, the Library supports Mr. Davenport’s efforts to deal with this issue. Dr. Bearman will keep the committee informed on this issue as more information becomes available.

Meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.
Respectfully submitted
Ginger D. Webber, Administrative Secretary