



University Library Committee

Minutes

Date 04/14/2015 Start Time 3:30 PM Adjournment Time 4:35 PM Location LIB 414
 Type of Meeting Regular Special

CHAIR	M. Lovett
SECRETARY	E. Guerriero
ATTENDEES	M. Lovett, D. Smith, J. Anderson, W. Bailes, D. Smith, G. Smith, M. Bontty, L. Nickerson, J. Giles, J. Megan Lowe (guest)
ABSENT (EXCUSED)	E. Guerriero, D. Hare, S. Jennings, J. Whited

Agenda

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<p>LOUIS: We are in a coop with other LA colleges/universities that purchase access to LOUIS. It saves the university millions of dollars and allows us to purchase electronic subscriptions beyond what we would otherwise be able to purchase. In the last couple of years, ULM has been responsible for a larger portion of the cost to access LOUIS.</p> <p>BUDGET: For FY156 \$4.2M.</p>	
DISCUSSION TOPICS	
<p>DESELECTION PROCESS: The library is concerned that the deselection process is moving at a slower pace than planned, and some of the 'slowing' may be due to faculty selecting too many volumes for retention. The library staff is concerned that if the target is not met, there will have to expedite the process in some way, an option no one wants. Jana Giles requested to see the deselection data to this point and the library agreed to do so.</p> <p>There was discussion of the 'new policy' which stipulates faculty must now submit in writing why they choose to pull each book from the deselection list. Matt Lovett noted that at its last meeting the Faculty Senate discussed and was in agreement with faculty concerns regarding the deselection process. The Faculty Senate felt that the faculty and library staff had negotiated a consensus, even if it was not perfect, but there had been an amendment to the process which was not negotiated. The Faculty Senate is very concerned about this amendment. Megan Lowe explained that the reason for this new stipulation is that some disciplines are concerned about accreditation and age of volumes; older volumes in some disciplines that remain on the shelf could compromise accreditations.</p> <p>The subject shifted to the deselection target and timeline. Dean Smith explained that the motive behind the project was to get rid of 125k books, print journals, and probably also government documents. Mathematics was applied to make certain calculations that revealed that in order to meet the target of 125K books by Fall 2016, the library would have to deselect an average of 415 volumes per day, 5 days per week for 18 months. It is clear that this is not feasible given the limited staff of the library. Furthermore, it is also clear that the staff cannot meet this target regardless of faculty involvement. The meeting ended in discussions about deselecting the old print journals or government documents first, as those constitute a large portion of the volumes to be removed and are not as contentious; because it doesn't matter when this happens, the number of library staff will remain the same regardless. Dean Smith reported that for government documents there are certain regulations in place that have to be followed. The limitation with print journal deselection is that it can only be performed by one person on the library staff (Chuck) because the records have to be processed individually.</p>	

CONCLUSIONS		
There is still no consensus between faculty and library on how best the deselection process should move forward. Dean Smith was planning to speak to Dr. Bruno about the subject later this week and email the committee on the conversation.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE