

Library Meeting Minutes, 10/25/2016 (3:30-4:30)

Members present: John Anderson (presiding), Anita Sharma, Greg Smith, Will Rogers, Cynthia Robertson, Jana Giles, Dusty Mardis, Lance Nickelson,

Absent and Excused: Monica Bontty, David Hare, Jennifer Whited, Wendy Bailes,

I. Minutes and Old Business

Anderson called meeting to order and took attendance.

Asked for review of minutes; Anderson, Giles, and Lowe offered corrections. Giles made a motion to accept minutes. Motion was seconded. All were in favor.

II. Deselection progress:

Robertson and Lowe gave updates on deselection.

Finished with curricula and instruction, various other staff members are working through various call numbers.

Rate of completion has probably slowed a little bit—down two people, together with breaks for vacations and conferences.

Sharma asked about how much of the library's staff has been dedicated to the deselection process. Lowe and Robertson replied that that deselection is in addition to their regular workloads.

III. Lowe gave a presentation on her conference, the ethnographic survey and space analysis:

The discussion of the survey included:

- new ideas about food and drink.
- skepticism about “build it and they will come” mentality.
- flexibility in planning and collaborating.
- being aligned with student learning (students only see changes/developments/policies from their point of view).
- consider the learning nature of student populations (more social learners).
- that the Library will dedicate quiet learning spaces.
- recognize that student users bring a wide range of abilities with respect to technology.
- recognize that library staff need to help faculty with assignments that are meaningful.
- Library staff should consider faculty as collaborators.
 - recognize that informational literacy is an ongoing process and that students might not have that background from ENGL 1001, 1002, or the University Seminar (Giles offered that a range of research is assigned in ENGL 1002, depending on instructors).

- flexible spaces—making the furniture easier to move, walls which are moveable (Lowe mentioned 2 case studies at Grand Valley State U and UPenn). Possible options include use of white boards.
- Possibly, move collection to floors 3 and 4. Move the stacks from 2 to 3, and 5 to 4.
- Sharma asked about the main users of the library, asking if the users were mainly BA. Lowe offered that it's very difficult to tell who the users are.
- Giles asked about a user survey, and if library staff planned to give a survey.
- Anderson asked about using data for the times when the library is used.

IV. Library App

Turning from ethnographic study, Robertson offered one complication to the Library app was the individual logins for the databases.

Adjournment

Rogers made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded. All were in favor.