

IPFW Faculty Senate Library Subcommittee
April 30, 2010
Library, Room 419, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Minutes

Present: Prasad Bingi, Adam Coffman, Gail Hickey, Suzanne LaVere, Jeff Abbott, , Gang Wang, Cheryl Truesdell.

1. Call to Order – Adam Coffman called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.
2. Minutes for November 13, 2009 and February 23, 2010 were approved as written.
3. Funding Recommendations document – Adam summarized action that has been taken on the Library funding report up to this time. The report was forwarded to URPC. Adam and Cheryl met with URPC to discuss the report. While faculty were concerned by the lack of fiscal support for the library they decided to submit to the full Senate as a “For Information Only.” They also recommended forwarding to the Budgetary Affairs Subcommittee.

The full Senate met on Monday, April 12, 2010. The library report was noted as “For Information Only.” Judith Garrison, library senator remarked that the Library Subcommittee had worked hard on this report and that every Senator should take the time to read it.

After the Senate meeting Adam made suggestions for keeping the report before the Senate. Two of his suggestions were 1) Bring up the BAS suggestion that members recommend that the administration provide a formal response under old business on the URPC agenda; 2) Bring up during Senate “Question time” the question, “Has the report on Library Funding Recommendations been incorporated into the budgeting process by the administration, and what actions have been taken based on its recommendations?”

4. Prasad Bingi asked about the results of the Learning Space Consultant visit, the progress of the Learning Commons and its possible impact on renovations needed in other parts of the library. Cheryl reported that in response to the consultant, the Learning Commons steering committee is developing a new vision that clearly makes student intentional learning the focus of the Learning Commons. This new vision will go to the Chancellor for approval. No funds have been allocated to the Learning Commons yet except the \$50,000 granted to the library from IPSGA to purchase furniture and netbooks for a netbook checkout program. Cheryl also reported that the second-floor wall to the concourse will be opened this summer to aid construction.

5. Special Needs Requests for 2010 were briefly discussed. The committee asked what would happen to the monies that were not spent from the Special Needs fund. Cheryl reported that it would go back to the library’s materials and resources budget. Gail Hickey moved that all of the Special Needs requests be granted with the exception of the Russian encyclopedia from Ann

Livschiz request. However, alternate titles from her list will be purchased in the amount of the Russian encyclopedia. Prasad Bingi seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

Cheryl asked if there were any suggested improvements on the new process this year. It was suggested that excel spreadsheets be converted to PDF so that they will print on one page. Another suggestion was that the summary table include a column indicating whether the grant request did or did not meet the Library Collection Development Policy, and if not, why not. They want to see at a glance any red flags discovered by the librarians looking over the grant requests. In general everyone was pleased with the new process.

6. Adam Coffman adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Recorded by: C. Truesdell, Dean