

Herrick Librarians Meeting

March 25, 2013

Present: Steve Crandall, Laurie McFadden, Ellen Bahr, Brian Sullivan

Herrick Library Committee Meeting

Steve will schedule this meeting soon. He was waiting for us to sort out some of the collection development details in this meeting.

Steve's Meeting with Mike Sherman

Steve recently met with Mike regarding the cleanliness of the building, pointing out various areas that need more attention. Steve recommends that we continue to leave messages for Mike as needs arise. Steve also determined that 11pm is a good time for him to have future meetings with Mike, as needed.

Dictionaries

English professor Heather Yanda requested that we make a dictionary available to students on the main floor of the library. Ellen will locate a dictionary or two and find a location for them. Steve will have Natalie Skwarek look for a stand or piece of furniture for them.

Moving Furniture

Various tables have been moved around the library in the hopes of better utilizing the space and making the furniture upstairs more conducive to quiet and private study. One negative consequence is that there are fewer spaces for groups to sit around the table in the Children's Room. New chairs are needed in the Conference Room (202).

Touchpoints

Next steps need to be determined for Touchpoints, following our March 7 All-Staff meeting. We will consult Natalie's minutes from that meeting once they are located.

Collection Development

Together we reviewed two collection development documents: the "Library Collection Guidelines" posted on the Herrick website, and the "Collection Development Underlying Premises" that Steve recently created. In addition to clarifying statements and making various edits to the documents, some of the issues we discussed were the respective roles of subject faculty and librarians, just-in-case versus just-in-time strategies, faculty expectations for the Libraries' collections, the role of print books moving forward, budget limitations, and how we wish to communicate these things with the subject faculty. Steve will revise the two documents based on our comments and then share them with the Herrick Library Committee. From there he is willing to discuss these matters with the Department Chairs across the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the College of Professional Studies. In general it was agreed that a transparent approach is best, and that clear numbers (regarding such things as budget lines and how many books we can access with Patron-Driven Acquisitions) may help faculty to understand more clearly the decisions we are facing in the Libraries.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian T. Sullivan