

AU Librarians Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 5, 2013, Herrick Library 106

Attendees: Stephen Crandall, Mark Smith, Laurie McFadden, Ellen Bahr, Brian Sullivan, Fang Wan, Beverly Crowell

The meeting began at 1:07 pm.

Faculty Senate Update – Laurie

- An election will be held for the non-tenure track senator position
- The travel freeze was discussed with points noted about the possible damaging impact on non-tenured faculty and difficulty in meeting P&T requirements
- Global perspectives now include military overseas military service
- Faculty teaching awards are to be determined by student votes only
- Provost's Policy on Policies is being reviewed by the vice-presidents with the goal to have it in place by May
- Giovina Lloyd presented an update on the budget
- Mission Statement questions include, "what is unique about Alfred" and "why do you stay"
- A comprehensive travel policy with a quick, one sheet guide will be available

Deans Council – Steve

- The budget and BOT meeting were discussed
- Adjunct issues under discussion include how much preparation time is expected per credit hour (3 hours per 1 credit), health care and workload

Summon and LibAnswers Updates

- Tabletop awareness tents and posters placed throughout the libraries and campus highlight the new tools, Summon and LibAnswers

SAILS

- Brian will lead the process next fall
- Points discussed
 - 1) Is it the best product?
 - 2) What is the value of continuity?
 - 3) Acknowledged the lack of time to investigate other products
- The discussion ended with agreement now is not the time to change
- The information SAILS provides is helpful for reports including those done by other departments
- Laurie suggested how SAILS is administered be revisited with the possibility of a campus wide conversation
- Small, multiple prizes were suggested as an incentive for students to take SAILS
- Noted that administering SAILS during a class seems to work best

Strategic Plan Update – Steve, Mark and Brian

- Noted the strategic plan effective from 2009 -2014 does not have to be replaced or changed
- Points to consider
 - 1) Why we are working on the strategic plan?
 - 2) Is it to keep the plan current?
 - 3) Is a goal not to be tied to 2009-14 plan?

- Options include determine the core and essentials and turn it into a plan
- Brian suggested with Mark supporting that all review what has been done previously
- Steve would like to have a strategic plan or something like one by the end of the semester
- Steve will develop an overarching plan with four to six ideas before the next meeting

Annual Librarian Meetings

- Mark is comfortable with the format
- Feedback has been positive
- Discussion about expectations is valuable

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.

Beverly Crowell
Recording Secretary