

*Minutes: AU LIBRARIANS' MEETING  
August 28, 2008: Herrick Conference Room*

Present: Carla Johnson, Steve Crandall, Ellen Bahr, Beverly Crowell, Pat LaCourse, Laurie McFadden, Mark Smith, and Brian Sullivan

Call to order: 9:10 am

Minutes from meeting on February 29, 2008 were approved, motion by Laurie, seconded by Bev.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. AU Libraries' Strategic Planning:

- Carla distributed copies of the AU Libraries Strategic Plans (2006-2007 and 2007-2008) in tabular and linear forms, commenting that AU's SP is in linear form. She also provided a copy of the hierarchy (goal, strategy, objective, etc.) to be used. Student Affairs' SP was distributed earlier as a model. Mark distributed a list of measurements used in assessing library services.
- Brainstorming included several suggestions to increase outreach for offering place (women's center, etc.) and services; offering a faculty fair with stations set up for the different service areas, training sessions to new faculty, etc.
- Steve read general goals from an earlier Herrick SP. There was general agreement that those goals are basic.
- Carla will send Pat a copy of the SP draft, and Pat will upload to Google Docs for everyone to add edits.
- We hope to have the plan done this Fall.

2. Assessment

- Steve updated the 2007-2008 library "Assessment of Student Learning" (ASL) document, adding SAILS (standardized assessment survey given last year) results. AU students scored within the statistical norm of national doctoral institutions. The goal is to have those skills improve.
- Brian proactively contacted all FYE instructors. Steve added this proactive avenue as a new line in the document.
- Ellen and Mark attended a conference where Cornell outlined their procedure for providing library presence in Blackboard. Ellen will send the document to everyone and this will serve on a working group to make this happen here.
- Question: Can e-res be replaced by Bbd? We'll start with a small number of faculty presently using e-res?
- Mark and Ellen will investigate the feasibility of a common online library portal which will provide resources available from both libraries.
- The ASL document was generally approved. Steve will circulate for additional comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

AU Libraries' P&T Committee:

- P&T Committee: Mark ('10) was elected for a two year term via email
- Martha Anderson ('11) was elected to replace Steve Pilgrim.
- Alan Grove ('09) will be Chair this year.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

A suggestion was made for us to be a part of Service Learning. Steve was on the AU Service Learning Committee last semester (taking Laurie's place while she was on sabbatical). In '08-'09 Laurie will again be acting as the library liaison in offering library services (services supervised by library staff) as an option for service learning, and as a place for other voluntary works.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Gibbs Research Commons Dedication Friday, Oct. 17
- Herrick's all-night study room has GS software as a test lab for Communications
- Mark and Laurie are meeting with Gary Roberts and Norm Pollard to discuss procedure/tools for an AU Institutional Repository

Adjourned: 11:45 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat LaCourse