

ALFRED UNIVERSITY LIBRARY FACULTY MEETING

Minutes

August 20, 2013

Present: Mark Smith, Steve Crandall, Brian Sullivan, Eva Sclipa, Ellen Bahr, Bev Crowell, Fang Wan, Laurie McFadden, John Hosford

1) Introductions –

We welcomed John Hosford in his new digital librarian role as well as Eva Sclipa as the new art librarian in Scholes. To help Eva get a better understanding of everyone's roles, we all introduced ourselves and explained our primary areas of responsibility. We also thanked Fang for her work at Alfred and wished her well in her new job at the University of Rochester.

2) Semester's Meetings –

- Wednesday, September 18, 2:00-3:30 pm Scholes Conference Room, Sec. Laurie
- Wednesday, October 30, 2:00-3:30 pm Herrick Seminar Room, Sec. Bev
- Wednesday, November 20, 2:00-3:30 pm Scholes Conference Room, Sec. Brian
- Wednesday, December 11, 2:00-3:30 pm Herrick Seminar Room, Sec. Eva

3) New evaluation criteria for non-tenure track & continuing contract librarians in administrative roles – shall we plan to develop a list of questions?? –

- Ellen distributed p. 6 of the AU Libraries Promotion and Tenure Documents – the first paragraph of which addresses non-tenure track librarians' evaluation. It was decided that John, Bev, Mark and Steve would meet to discuss evaluation criteria.

4) Summon or EDS Discovery? –

- It was decided to continue with Summon for 2013-14, in light of both Fang's departure and Ellen's sabbatical. EBSCO's product is improving, but we aren't ready to switch yet. We will probably need to continue with Summon into 2014-2015 because to effect a switch over to EBSCO we will need all of our Information Systems folks on hand. Open questions: What will 360 Link cost after SUNY consortial pricing ends? What will EBSCO's pricing be for those institutions that come into the EBSCO contract later?

5) Single Library Faculty Reception –

- a. We made plans for the 8/21/2013 New Faculty Reception at Herrick as a joint reception for both libraries.
- b. Next year it will be held at Scholes Library

6) Strategic Plan will be on next month's agenda –

- Mark expressed concerns about lower staffing due to budget reduction and wondered about the effect that has on our strategic plan.
- Noted that Eva wants to build the instruction team and we will be down a librarian after Fang's departure. We hope her position can be filled but as of now it's uncertain.

- Wondered if the Strategic Plan needed to be refined in light of the budget reduction.
- Laurie noted that the overall Strategic Plan goals would likely be the same, but that lower level tactics might need to change.
- We will try to keep our perspective open to consider new alternatives as the University works through programmatic restructuring.
- More discussion next month.

7) Deans Council, Graduate Council and AU Faculty Senate Reports –

- None this meeting

8) SAILS implementation as yet unresolved –

- SAILS will not be given this year. Brian and Eva will investigate other assessment tools and strategies.

9) AU Budget Reductions –

Steve sent a proposal to the Provost outlining how the libraries would achieve the requested budget reduction. He explained his justification for the decisions he made and there was a short discussion on the process.

10) Status of Web Page Redesign –

- Still waiting for word on decision of the WAG group – project has been on hold since May. WAG is discussing University-wide marketing issues with Cabinet members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Crandall, Secretary of the meeting