

Herrick Librarians Meeting November 16, 2009

Present: Steve Crandall, Laurie McFadden, Ellen Bahr, Brian Sullivan, Carla Johnson (guest for item 1)

1. Program Closures and Reductions

Carla gave an update and projected timeline of the work of the academic deans and administration on Program Closures and Reductions. There is a desire among the Herrick Librarians for more discussion between the Herrick and Scholes librarians regarding the implications of this plan for the AU Libraries.

2. Circulation Policies Revisions/Simplification

While working on updating the Herrick website, Ellen expressed a desire for the circulation policies to be displayed in a more simplified fashion. There was consensus that this is a desirable goal and discussion regarding possible ways in which this can be accomplished. Brian will work with Mary Jo Beers to create revised and simplified circulation policy handouts that can be modified for the website.

3. Information Literacy

Brian requested and received ideas and suggestions for ways in which he can better lead the information literacy program at Herrick as well as contribute to overall information literacy at the AU Libraries and across campus.

4. Book Ordering Semi-Freeze

Steve decided that most book orders will be held until later in the year so that the budget money can be focused on high priority items. The librarians will review the database use statistics recently compiled by Mary Jo Beers to determine if there are any resources to consider dropping.

5. Senate Meeting Report – Laurie

[See official Senate meeting minutes for November 6, 2009]

6. AU Libraries Assessment Document and Herrick's Strategic Plan

Steve will work on updating the AU Libraries Assessment document and send it out to the other librarians to review. The librarians agreed to look at the Herrick Strategic Plan before the end of the fall semester.

7. Departmental Reports

Laurie reported ongoing issues uploading information from our OCLC Connexion client to the Aleph catalog. Laurie is working on finding a solution with ITS and Collection Management.

Laurie is waiting for a price quote on scanning the *Fiat Lux* to determine the feasibility of the project. The next step will be finding a way to host the scanned files as well as finding software for searching the files.

Laurie is working with ProQuest and the School Pschyology Department to enable electronic submission of dissertations written by students in that graduate program.

Ellen gave an update on the status of the Herrick logo that Allison Wilton (AU alum – graphic design) is working on.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian T. Sullivan