

Alfred University Librarians Meeting

February 16, 2018

9:30am

Herrick Seminar Room

Attending: Ellen Bahr, Steve Crandall, John Hosford, Laurie McFadden, Mechele Romanchock, Mark Smith, Brian Sullivan

Laurie talked about a possible product that we could choose to adopt with Alma. She sent all the librarians an email with information on upcoming product review webinars and encouraged them to watch one.

- bX Recommender, an additional feature available through Alma.
- This tool suggests additional articles and ebooks relevant to the search.
- Not all recommendations will be full-text, available online. 3-year subscription from go live date is \$390 for Alfred University (Herrick), \$288 for Alfred University (Scholes). Questions regarding how we are billed and relevance to price/FTE.

Laurie has solicited nominations for P&T committee and will facilitate the process of electing a faculty member from either CLAS, School Psychology or Business.

Ellen is on the university's Event Scheduling/Master Calendar Committee.

- Exploring Master calendar and room scheduling features in Banner.
- Hopefully this feature will simplify campus-wide room scheduling allowing the user to see all available areas at once.
- Possibilities include having an iPad outside of reservable rooms that can automatically update. Printing out a paper copy also an option.
- Classroom scheduling will be separate from this grid.
- Departments/buildings will have the ability to allow reservations to go through automatically or approve individually. The events feature will allow event planners to see what is already scheduled and avoid conflicts.
- Demo next meeting, would others like to attend?

Laurie gave an update on the last Faculty Senate meeting.

Steve gave an overview of what has been discussed at recent Dean's Council and Executive Council meetings.

Steve will explore scheduling the presentation of the libraries' reorganization at the next Dean's Council and Executive Council meetings.

Ellen recommended that we check the Summon billing cycle to avoid possible overlap with Alma.

Laurie attended the recent mid-winter ALA conference and mentioned a few things related to Alma that she heard at the meeting.

- Alma and Primo are currently 2 separate modules and will be integrated.
- Alma can be used for benchmark statistics to compare ourselves to other institutions. A librarian from Roberts Wesleyan gave a presentation. We could probably reach out to her to ask about visiting and finding out more.

Mechele gave a short report on the Women's Leadership Seminar attended by Ellen, Mechele, Patty and Natalie on Feb 1st, 2018

Ellen shared thoughts and questions regarding the Engineering and Science Librarian position for further discussion on Tuesday meeting, 2/20/18.

Submitted by Mechele Romanchock