

Library Committee Meeting
October 29, 3:30pm

Members present: Dr. Adolphus Belk, Dean Mark Herring, JL. McDaniel-Milliken, Carrie Volk
Visitor: Dr. Tom Polaski

1. Faculty Governance Review Recommendations

a. A current recommendation exists to disband the Faculty Concerns Committee and put 2 committees in its place. Dr. Polaski explained that one committee will be enabled to bring concerns up to representatives throughout the college that have control in those particular areas of concern while another committee would focus on more serious issues, such as curriculum and would bring their issues directly to the President of the University. Input from previous members of the Faculty concerns committee revealed that they spent too much time on smaller issues, and not enough time on serious issues.

b. In the course of our discussion, it was mentioned that the Library Committee could be disbanded if the Committee felt there wasn't a sufficient reason for its existence. Dean Herring will provide more information concerning this matter.

2. Pascal Update

The funding for PASCAL, which is down to \$200,000 from 2 million, may be completely eliminated by the state. At this point each library in the consortium is paying \$15,000 to keep PASCAL running. This cost will likely increase to \$30,000 per library. Even with money coming from member libraries, PASCAL will not be able to keep all databases, so the value for what we get is steadily declining. Whereas we used to pay \$6000 and get \$400,000 in value, we now pay \$15,000 and get \$200,000 in value. PASCAL will continue to be a good value even if our price goes to \$30,000, seeing as Academic Source Premier (A PASCAL database) alone costs that much. Dean Herring asked us to encourage others to add testimonials about Pascal on their website <http://pascalsc.org/>. These will be seen by the SC legislature.

3. Budget update

The library will most likely be very affected by budget cuts when they occur. Dean Herring encouraged us to use the resources we have so as to make a strong case for continued access to those items (mostly databases). JL McDaniel-Milliken brought forth suggestions she received from colleagues that Dacus Focus and postcard updates be sent via e-mail to save paper and printing and helping the environment. This may be more of a case of "going green" than a real cost saving. It was stated by Dean Herring that they used to send updates via e-mail and found people took less notice of them. Dean Herring said he would pass along the suggestion to the editor of Dacus Focus for discussion.

4. Gloria Kelly is retiring as head of Technical services. The position is not likely to be filled until June. Larry Mitlin will be taking on approximately 85% of Gloria's former duties.

5. Veteran's Day & Veteran's History project

Dacus will have an exhibit on Veteran's History and a guest speaker will be at Dacus on Nov. 11 from 3-5 pm.

6. Plagiarism

Plagiarism continues to be a growing concern. It is important for departments to individually embrace the usefulness of Turnitin as a useful tool for faculty and students. Dean Herring just sent us the stats that 166 faculty members are using Turnitin this semester. It seems that students need repeated reminders about plagiarism and more education into what exactly plagiarism is.

7. Information Literacy

The library is currently trying to figure out ways to increase student and faculty knowledge about how to evaluate information on the internet. This is also an issue that needs to be reinforced in every discipline on campus.

8. Library roles

Dean Herring stated that he is currently looking into the evolving roles of librarians and more collaboration among faculty in comparison with the traditional roles of the library (technical service, public services etc.).

9. Library Teri matters

Dot Barber (37 years) & Ellen Owens (36 years) are both retired and would like to come back to work at Winthrop. The Dean is currently working with the University to achieve this for them under the Teri program.

Notes taken by JL McDaniel-Milliken, Chair