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**Meeting Minutes**
**Faculty Senate Library Advisory Committee**
**October 27, 2023**

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In Person: Zuhl Library, 2nd Floor
Zoom ID: 886 7416 4203

*Call to Order: 2:36pm*

Attending: Margret Goehring, Haleigh Haven, Christopher Brown, John P Mullen, Beth Apodaca, Jianjun Zhu, Susan Beck, Kevin Comerford, David Irvin (Ex-Officio)

I.     Introduction of members

II.    Updates from Dean of Library - Kevin Comerford, Susan Beck, David Irvin

   a. Two new talk boxes each have been installed at Zuhl and Branson, soundproof and used to ensure privacy during test-taking, presentation practice, class sit ins, downtime, etc for students. Students have been using them, as noted by staff.
   b. Emerging tech lab is open (soft launch was August 25th to work out schedule), going department to department to discuss GIS capabilities and inform on the ETL. ETL includes 10 hi-tech computer stations, 360 cameras, drones, etc for students to utilize. Hours are 10am-2pm M-F.
   c. Podcast studio has been opened at Branson, set up is for up to two people to record audio and video as well as a green screen if needed for media production. Students can bring the files gathered with them, no turnkey yet.
   d. LED display wall has also been installed at Branson, can be used for data visualization, presentations, aiming to open after a month or so once tweaks are worked out.
   e. September 19th was library open house, served as hard launch for talk boxes, podcast studio and emerging tech lab, as well as other various, more minor upgrades. It was a success and well-attended.
   f. StackMap is being used for the integration of the online catalog to make finding a paper book or other item easier by curating a digital map showing you where it is located. Currently works for General Collections, need to do more work before including the Government Archives, History, etc in next few months. Dynamic display is also available to show workstation

locations and group study locations that are open/rentable/filled/offline, etc. This makes group study location reservations through the library more streamlined. This can be accessed via the app or website for NMSU Library.

g. Digital Commons progress: David + Susan on Institutional Repository Team, selecting design models and selections, etc, aimed to be completed soon, then will work on implementation of repository.

h. There will be a virtual software carpentry workshop offered through ETL in collaboration with UNM libraries. In addition, facets such as LED data wall and such will allow for experts and others to enter and enhance opportunities for programming and other forms of technology engagement, both online and in person.

III. Open Access – Fee Requirements – Easing the Financial Pressure/Disparities
   a. Susan noted that other universities fund open-access journal article processing charges for faculty (especially pre-tenured faculty) by admin. Aiming to first gather funds and then work on a form of assessing how to fund/distribute students who fall within this need. Plan to present proposition to Faculty Senate November meeting and then have it placed on the docket at the December Faculty Senate Meeting. Plan to approach VPR prior to November Faculty Senate Meeting.
   b. They plan to ask for 1-2% of the 51% sent to central administration budget by IDC depending on amounts received from grants and other sources. to help with vital tasks such as funding of open access publishing, tenure of faculty efforts through research aid, etc.

IV. Ideas to Bring More Students into the Library / Engage with Library Resources
   a. Opportunity to add study carrel spaces for Masters students who are working on their theses. Dean Comerford has scheduled appt. with facilities to obtain quote to expand group study area to allow for room for these spaces. Also planning to explore making alcove on north side of Zuhl 2nd floor into another group study area as well. Wants to engage quality of these resources and environments for grad students. Will update committee soon.
   b. Potential of opening Zuhl Fuel at night so students want to come in later or stay longer. Dean Comerford will speak with Sodexo.
   c. There will be the addition of more comfortable, compelling furniture throughout the library to increase student engagement.

d. Adding facilities to make the library more welcoming to commuter students, single parents, online students, etc through tailoring of resources and communicative methods, as well as enhancing user experience for online facilities to make electronic resources more accessible and useable, properly branding and integrating the library into their online presence. 5-6 individuals are assessing and taking part in this user experience examination and evaluation. May pull more individuals to serve as observers and provide feedback from user perspective.  Case study will be written after conclusion.

e. Potential for continuing with other practices such as scavenger hunts, social media enticement, etc.

f. Considering the potential of offering items to students to "check out" and "return" via library special collections such as carpet cleaners, power tools, seeds, etc to encourage sharing models and engagement among students.
   *+ Christopher will be reaching out to ASNMSU rep to invite them to the next meeting and see how they could issue a survey regarding this.*

V. Other items of Discussion

a. Request for list of new study locations, features, items of interests, etc requested by Christopher so that they can pass on to all the committee's respective departments and students to heighten engagement. The efforts and progress of the library have been exceptional and benefit students greatly while expanding resources.

b. Passing along these proposed ideas to Academic Deans Advisory Committee via a short meeting to engage faculty and department heads and contribute to further actions/ideas occurring.

*Adjourned: 3:34pm*


Haleigh E. Haven
FSLAC Secretary