LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes
2011 November 14


Minutes of the October 14, 2011 meeting were approved.

Bylaws Discussion:
- B. Baker shared copies of the bylaws and reviewed the history of most recent changes and the status of the document.
  - Although a 2006 revision reflecting structural changes to the committee’s scope and membership had been done, the revised document had not completed the formal revision process through the Faculty Council on Academic Affairs and Faculty Senate.
- Committee members reviewed the 2006 version and identified additional changes and questions that needed to be addressed.
  - B. Baker will prepare an updated version reflecting today’s recommendations for discussion at the committee’s next meeting.

Election of Vice Chairperson:
- M-E. Roberge will serve as Vice Chairperson.

Media in the Classroom:
- E. Mortensen Kaiser and E. Hansen shared a number of concerns about the lack of dependable, functioning technology (e.g., wireless connections, problems with laptop hook-ups, etc.) for use in classrooms.
  - The importance of faculty modeling the use of technology for their students was stressed as was the point that sub-standard access to technology by faculty and students may be a factor for retention.
  - The possibility of undertaking a survey to assess the extent of the problems was discussed.
  - E. Hansen volunteered to draft a memo to K. Tracy and D. Jonaitis with a copy to L. Frank outlining these concerns that could be shared with the committee with the intent that the committee would endorse it.

Library Collection Development Practices, Issues, Challenges
- D. Green presented background information on two of the major issues libraries face in collection development:
  - Journal subscription crisis due to rapid inflation of cost of journals and the effects of such increases on flat budgets.
    - Purchasing power continues to decrease.
    - Ownership of print vs. access to electronic.
    - Document delivery services (e.g., NEIU’s use via the Copyright Clearance Center) as a viable alternative to subscriptions to high priced titles with low usage statistics.
  - Ebooks
    - Access for owning/licensing library improves while having an adverse effect on resource sharing (e.g., ebooks are not usually available via inter-library loan)
- Members expressed an interest in meeting subject librarians and inviting them to a future meeting
  - Interest was also expressed in the possibility of hosting a meeting between subject librarians and their respective faculty liaisons in order to talk about roles and responsibilities.
Possible Future Agenda Items:
- Review of By-laws draft revision
- E. Hansen draft memo to K. Tracy, D. Jonaitis, and L. Frank outlining issues with use of technology in the classroom
- Communication between subject librarians and faculty

Next meeting: January 30, 2012, 9:30-11:00 in the Library Conference room

Handouts received:
- Agenda
- Minutes of the meeting of 10/24/2011
- By-laws of the Advisory Committee on Library, University Media Services, and the Center for Teaching and Learning, 2006 revision
- *Meet Your Subject Librarian* (Library handout)