University Library Committee

February 28, 2023

<u>Members Present</u>:   Daniel Badoe, Chris Brown, Jacob Cherry, Lora Cowan, Stuart Gaetjens, Mark Groundland, Sharon Holderman, Tammy Howard, Mary Pashley, Russell Perry, Brian Seiler, Julie Stepp, Emily Vaughn, Jeff Womack

<u>Members Absent</u>:   Sandra Bohannon, Rufaro Chitiyo, Shelia Kendrick

<u>Welcome</u>:   Chairperson Chris Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated Sharon Holderman on being appointed as Interim Dean of the Library.

<u>Agenda</u>:   With a motion from Jeff Womack, and a second by Stuart Gaetjens, the agenda was approved via voice vote.

<u>Minutes</u>:   The minutes from the November 8th, 2022 were distributed via email.   The minutes were approved by voice vote after a motion by Stuart and a second by Julie Stepp.

<u>Interim Dean's Report</u> – Dean Holderman introduced herself.   She has worked 10 years in the library as the Coordinator of Public Services.   Provost Bruce has asked her to serve as interim dean for a year to a year and a half.

The Learning Support Program consisting of the areas of Reading, Writing, and Math is no longer a part of the library.   The three faculty members supporting learning support math at TTU were transferred to the Math Department, and the writing position was transferred to English.   The reading support remained with the library through the end of December when Dr. Janet Whiteaker retired.   The library is teaching one section of reading support this semester.   Beginning in fall 2023, the College of Education will take over reading support.

The testing center in the library is busy offering standardized testing, exit exams, and Accuplacer exams.   They have added a series of career certification exams through Meazure Learning.   The career certification exams are not only for campus personnel, but the general public.   This is a way for the library to make some money.   The testing center has submitted applications for other tests/vendors.   The testing center would welcome feedback from departments and faculty about what standardized tests it could offer to be helpful to their students.

The library has switched interlibrary loan vendors from Illiad to a product called Rapido provided by Exlibris, The new system was launched in January.   Because it is an Exlibris product, same as the Library's automated system, it folds into EagleSearch.   A

lot of Rapido is non-mediated which is nice since interlibrary loan is handled by only one person.   To use Rapido, you must log into EagleSearch and search there.   There is no longer a separate form for interlibrary loan requests.

The Get It Now Service was re-implemented in November for faculty members and graduate students.   It is currently available in Eaglesearch; but you must log-in to receive the GIN option.

The library has access to 20,000 journal titles available through GIN; but we do not have the personnel to code all of them in Eaglesearch to make them show up with the Get It Now option.   We coded them by publisher, but not all records have the correct publisher data coded in the correct field. Therefore, some titles are available in GIN; but they are not showing the GIN link.   If you hear of anyone who needs a particular journal title and it doesn't show the GIN link, please contact Dean Holderman. If it is available through GIN, she will code the journal title to show up in GIN.

The library did receive a $260,000 increase in the materials budget for FY 22-23.   This increase allowed the library to continue subscribing to all the TBR databases the Tennessee Board of Regents cancelled.   Other funds are being used to support the reimplementation of Get It Now service.   Dean Holderman reminded everyone that subscription costs generally increase five percent each year, so we cannot spend all of our money on subscriptions every year.   The library will not spend all the funds set aside for Get It Now because it was implemented mid-year, so the library has one-time money to spend.   We will be making e-book purchases for eBooks with perpetual access and site-wide licenses.   This one-time money does not roll-over from one fiscal year to the next.

The Library is doing a faculty survey via email through March about the library's collection.   The survey gathers information on the following questions:

- What is the one journal title you use most for your work and research?
- Do you have access to that title?
- How do you have access?
- What is the most important database you use?
- What do your students use or need?

At the end there is a link to make requests for one-time purchases.   There is also information provided about being a faculty selector for e-books from our vendor, Ebsco.

Julie Stepp mentioned not all databases are searchable in Eaglesearch.   She used Education Full-Text Index as an example for the College of Education students and faculty.   Has the library considered looking for alternate databases that might work better with EagleSearch?   Dean Holderman explained that if you look at the A-Z list of databases on the library's website, many are not searchable in EagleSearch, generally because those databases have partnered with another vendor.   Approximately 50 percent of the library's databases are included in Eaglesearch. The library has not

looked into other vendors/database suppliers; but the library can certainly investigate especially since Eaglesearch has become so important to access GIN and ILL.   The library would work with the Colleges/Departments before any database was given up and another database searchable in Eaglesearch was purchased instead.

The library is adding another C & S position in the Archives Department this summer. We are also looking at adding positions in Testing.   The testing center often does 50 – 100 exams per day.

Dean Holderman welcomed questions, comments, or feedback about the library and its services.

Election of Chair: Chairperson Brown opened the floor for nominations/volunteers for chairperson of the committee for next fiscal year.   Daniel Badoe nominated Chris to serve again, Mark Groundland seconded the nomination, and Chris was unanimously elected.

Adjournment: With no further business, Tammy Howard made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Stuart Gaetjens, and the meeting was adjourned.