

University Libraries National Advisory Council
Wednesday, October 29, 2014

Members Present: Lorraine Baumgardner, Terry Ginn, Raymond Janson, Frank Klein, Sandy Marovitz, Doug Mory, Ed Seely, Christopher Smith, Theresa Walton

Guests Present: Dr. John Crnkovich, Laing Kennedy, Jeff Langstaff, MaryAnn Thornton

Others Present: Jim Bracken, Ron Bammerlin, Ken Burhanna, Paul Fehrmann, Karen Hillman, Mary Lovin, Roman Panchyshyn, Mark Pike, Diane Ruppelt, Melody Tankersley

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am. Dean Jim Bracken greeted everyone.

Message from the Provost's Office: Melody Tankersley, Associate Provost:

Melody explained how the Libraries is the heart and social lives of students and faculty. It is physically located in the middle of campus and brings us together geographically in our mission. She explained how important the Library is to academic success and how the Library is critical to everything that happens on campus. She explained how much the libraries have changed over the years. We were thoughtful that needs were met, there were universal things in the Library, and we used forward thinking to build students. As one moves through the floors, the building gets more specialized.

She thanked ULNAC for their support and explained that either President Warren or Provost Diacon would have been here but they are both accepting an award on behalf of the University in Washington D.C. She asked for questions and there was a discussion about the use of library space. Space across campus is allocated according to University demand. We want to make sure there are spaces for personnel, events, students, faculty and the community. She explained how Dean Bracken is involved with all of the space decisions. We conducted a library building study to maximize the space with forward thinking ideas making sure that various needs were met, universal things in the library, and we were using forward thinking to build students. We want to be a public university that is open to all students. We serve a very large student population and our library is top notch.

Update from the Dean

Dean Bracken introduced everyone. He distributed and explained a draft copy of the libraries' 2015 budget. The budget is divided up into categories for space, collections/content and value added services and programs. Eighty-seven percent of the budget is spent on journals, electronic subscriptions and OhioLINK fees. OhioLINK accounts for \$2.2M or 40% of the total collection's budget.

The operating budget is 51% of the budget allocation and consists of faculty, staff and students' salaries and other expenses such as supplies, travel, equipment, etc. We are working to recruit diverse personnel to represent the student population. We will receive \$20K from the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for two diversity hires.

The second page of the report covers unfunded needs. We keep a 5% buffer or cushion just in case of a catastrophe and we usually have a need to spend it. The president's office paid for the \$1.6 M cost to replace the Library's windows.

The five points made on President Warren's listening tour were:

1. Students come first
2. What makes KSU distinctive from other universities?
3. Global competencies related to sponsored research (federal funding)
4. Local and regional impact
5. Sustainable and vibrant future (sustainable budget)

Dean Bracken discussed the *Our Voices. Our Vision.* publication and pointed out the quote from Provost Diacon, "I want to offer students at all our campuses an unparalleled campus experience." He also pointed out that the word, "friendly," is used two or three times. We try to offer a friendly and welcoming area to our students. He showed pictures from various Library events such as Late Night at the Library where 1,500 students were in attendance, Business After Hours, International Student reception with the highest attendance ever, Constitution Day, Ten Ways to Get Arrested on Campus which was a program sponsored by the Student Friends of the Library, Kent Reads programs, Legacy Scholarship Dinner, Digital Collections Reception, Coming of Age at Kent 1967-71: A Pictorial of Black Student Life, Branch Library Open Houses, etc.

We attract students who are less eager or afraid to come to the library a number of different ways. Through our Late Night at the Library event, 1,500 students see how friendly the library is. They are served pizza, ice cream, candy, and enjoy games and dancing. We are considering a gaming/movie night and are discussing this with Undergraduate Studies. Students come to the library for free drop-in tutoring, use of the Writing Commons and reference librarians help with research. We have longer hours. Ken Burhanna did a study and discovered that students who come to the library after 11:00 pm have higher GPAs. Many of our resources can be accessed from off campus.

Dean Bracken explained the Champion of the Library program. The 2014 award winner is Dr. Theresa Walton who will be awarded at our Embrace Recognition event on November 19, at noon on the 4th Floor of the Library. There will also be a student employee outstanding contribution certificate awarded.

The maker space is still a work in progress but alive and well. There have been several meetings and we're making progress. Last weekend there was a 48 hour Hack-A-Thon in the library. They made code, won prizes and job recruiters came. We are hosting a Maker Fair here on Friday, April 10, from noon-4:00 pm. We made a proposal to the Knight Foundation to get a bookmobile with books and a mobile maker space.

Scholarship Dinner Review

Lorraine Baumgardner thanked Karen Hillman for all of her work on the Legacy Dinner. We had discussed a mystery dinner to connect the Borowitz collection, but it didn't work out and we went in a different direction. The student performances were excellent and we had one person who took advantage of the book plating program. It was suggested that the thumb print tree could be used for donations and taken around campus. Some suggestions for next time were to have larger plates, less talking between performances, a different order for performances, use a camera to zoom in on performers and shorten the program. We will try to raise next year's attendance.

It was suggested that a member of Special Collections serve on the Advisory Committee. Special Collections reports to Ken Burhanna and he will talk to their staff or another option is that Roman Panchyshyn, Faculty Representative, can report back to Special Collections.

Bylaws and Council Organization

Lorraine discussed bylaws Section 6.2 Standing Committees and asked members whether we should prepare a slate and present it to the membership. Terry Ginn is interested in helping with the Ad Hoc (event committee). It was discussed that the council members' annual gift would be due the first meeting of the year.

2015 Meeting Dates

Meetings for next year have been set for February 4 and November 4 from 8:30 am - noon. Lorraine will send out an email and ask for committee preferences.

Karen Hillman gave members book centerpieces from the Legacy Dinner.