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## Library Faculty Council Meeting Minutes

1 November 2011, 2:00 p.m., Room 319, Poynter Library

Librarians Present: Gary Austin, Deborah Henry, Jerry Notaro, Patricia Pettijohn, Tina Neville, Kaya Van Beynen, Jim Schnur

Regrets: None

Guests: None

Meeting: Called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Jerry

Minutes: With minor changes, motion to approve minutes of October 4 meeting by Tina, with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patricia. *Motion approved.*

### Announcements:

**Undergrad Research/Special Collections elsewhere:** Jim mentioned that the October 14-15 symposium on Undergraduate Research at the University of Central Florida was very beneficial. He also passed around promotional materials from the Lied Library's Special Collections Department at the University of Nevada Las Vegas.

**Jerry to Visit USF Poly:** Jerry is serving on the promotion committee for Catherine Lavalley-Welch, director, USFP Library.

### New Business

**FACRL Meeting:** Deb described the Task Force on The Future of Academic Libraries in Florida, with a charge to "determine a vision and develop a strategic plan" prior to the legislatively mandated merger of CCLA and FCLA by June 2012. The task force includes membership from public university and college libraries in Florida, as well as the Independent Colleges and Universities, K-12 representatives, and public libraries. Co-chairs are Jim Morris and Shirley Hallblade. In addition to the task force activities, Deb described the other programs at FACRL and found them to be very beneficial.

**Faculty Senate Charter on Committee Chairs:** Jerry and Kaya addressed the matter of library faculty serving as chairs of Faculty Senate committees. This issue was raised after Jim mentioned that he was under the impression that he could not serve as a chair for Undergraduate Council when asked because he thought only those of rank as associate or full *professor* were eligible. The documents presently available tend to refer to the status of chairs in 2008, not currently approved practices. Patricia and others mentioned that they were aware that the language had been changed to remove this barrier, though it is important that appropriate documentation from Faculty Senate be added to the official University record to reflect this.

### Old Business

**Librarian Awards:** This is still in process, with Deb, Patricia, and Tina serving as members to develop criteria for such an award.

**United Faculty of Florida:** Membership in the collective bargaining unit is increasing throughout the USF System. There was good turnout for the recent meeting at Harbor Hall.

**Faculty Governance Reports:** The following reports were submitted—

**System Faculty Council:** Jerry had to miss the last meeting of SFC due to his need to be available during the press conference held by Gov. Rick Scott in our building. He announced that Dick Plank has just resigned from Faculty Senate President of USF Poly, and thus was no longer eligible to retain membership in the SFC. Next meeting will take place at USF Sarasota/Manatee.

**Faculty Senate:** Courtney Parish, the current Student Government President, attended the meeting. Courtney mentioned that there is some interest in resurrecting Safe Team since there have been security concerns expressed. Norine Noonan also attended the meeting and gave a report. The degree proposal process and template is under revision. Issues related to promotion in rank from associate to full remain under discussion. Faculty report on the USF General Council's position regarding filtering was presented. Filtering on computer labs will remain in place, there will soon be no filtering on faculty computers served by campus IT. FS also plans to gain additional information about succession plans and opportunities for faculty input regarding Margaret Sullivan's position. The reorganization plan for the College of Arts and Sciences was voted upon and academic programs now fall under the four newly established divisions.

**Undergraduate Council:** A meeting took place on October 19. Jim was unable to attend due to ongoing construction in Special Collections. The meeting included a lengthy agenda that had 30 curricular proposals, revisions, substitutions, and changes. Some were accepted as presented to UGC; others were accepted provisionally pending additional information or revisions. Jim learned earlier today that another meeting has just been scheduled for tomorrow, November 2. Due to the all-staff meeting in the library, Jim will send his comments regarding the newest proposals along with his regrets for not attending.

**Graduate Council:** Tina mentioned that the Infant Mental Health Certificate proposal was approved. The council will discuss the master's program in Psychology at their next meeting.

**Research Council:** Research Council plans to meet with Dr. Noonan during the November meeting to discuss the availability of internal awards to the USFSP researchers. Carol has made a proposal to create a student research award and may attend a future meeting to discuss this idea.

**General Education:** Patricia noted that they had an excellent meeting and selected Kathy Arthur (CAS) and Maria Corton (COB) as co-chairs. They plan to review many of the GE requirements, exit requirements, and other academic matters that need revision to meet the curricular framework of our campus. There is a hope that the institution can align the General Education outcomes with those already in place for SACS.

**Awards Committee:** On October 25, while on annual leave, Jim received an email requesting a meeting of Awards Committee to review a single candidate nominated for the USFSP Outstanding Graduate Award. Yoli Lanuza wanted a decision by October 31. Since members could not establish a quorum for an in-person meeting on such short notice, they voted by email and forwarded their recommendation.

Meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Schnur  
Council Scribe