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STAFF/LIBRARIANS MEETING
Tuesday, March 11, 2008 @ 2:00 p.m.
Library Conference Room

Attendees:

Kathy Arsenault, Jim Schnur, Deb Henry, Jerry Notaro, Tina Neville, Marcy Carrel, Patricia Pettijohn, Berrie Watson, Virginia Champion, Charlotte Barbour, David Brodosi, David Cipris, Anne Killenberg, Kay Marshall, Michael Mathon, Lexi Terry, Robert Vessenmeyer, Zeynep Tufekci, Jean Ferguson

Discussion:

Kathy thanked Lexi, to wild applause, for finishing the third floor shelf shifting. Then it was on to the budget issue. She said that a budget meeting was going on in Tallahassee today, and that so far the entire state budget was \$70 billion, or \$4 billion less for 08/09 than for 07/08. With its being a fluid situation, we were asked to forecast cuts of 9%, 11%, and 13% (\$229,000) for next year, with those cuts coming from the E&G (Education and General) fund. Three-quarters of that is salary and book budget, not giving us much leeway. The library won't fill its two vacant positions in Technical Services, saving us any job losses. We're also very lucky compared to some departments in that we have other streams of revenue, including auxiliary accounts (book funds, a grant from USGS through Marine Science, ID cards), foundation accounts (including SAPL), and E&G Carryforward (which in the past has funded equipment, OPS, travel, and security guards). The new computer tables and the reupholstering of the furniture have been paid from foundation; we can only pay staff out of E&G; the two vacant positions are being given back; and the only positions that can be paid from carryforward are OPS. Kathy is chair of the committee looking for a new Development Director who will hopefully be able to raise more funds for the university. There has been some discussion of a library technology fee. Money should be available this year for the VIP and FLA conferences and for trips for Marcy and Kaya. The cuts will come from not purchasing books. For this year, carryforward will cover electronic resources; per Patricia, we can cancel solely print resources, but we can't cancel print resources which may become electronic resources without approval. Kathy commented that the reference librarians had gotten together and made savings proposals and that she was hoping every department would come up with four or five ideas. She said we would not be buying any color cartridges except for Kaya or Jean, who use them for publicity purposes. Berrie did indicate that we can scan color materials and email them rather than printing them. Marcy made a suggestion for Kaya that we need to evaluate whether or not we need a color copier. The librarians suggested making no more color handouts. Some extra lights will be disconnected and marked with green stickers to show that they actually work. The night crews will be switching to days. We may even be expected to put our own trash outside our office

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doors. Proposals have been made for flex hours, longer hours with fewer days, and holiday closings, but Tampa is against them. The Library Faculty Council suggested closing the library to the public during the Christmas holidays as a morale issue. Kathy noted that we all need flexibility and that the situation may require job reassignments; however, personnel decisions are being made only by the administration.

Patricia said that she had recently attended a TBLC workshop on finding other funding sources, and that she would soon present a program about it in Room 218.

Berrie presented a handout of the new computer area on the first floor, complete with bistro-height tables and connections for wiring, funded by foundation money.

Kathy indicated that the library needs to get on a list for new carpet.

David Brodosi stated that all faculty and staff are being run through OASIS so that they'll have U numbers instead of social security numbers for ID purposes. Affiliate numbers will be established for USGS, FMRI, etc.

Deb said that the Library Faculty Council had selected representatives for the governance committees. She had also noticed, along with Jim, evidence of a homeless person or persons living in the shrubbery outside of room 136 and wondered about contacting the police. Overgrowth of foliage is a public safety issue.

Virginia commented on Lexi's finishing of the third floor shelf shifting and of her now starting on the second floor.

Jim had news about trespassing non-students from the first and third floors.

Patricia described her update on the homeless video documentary presentation.

The committee to choose the new RVC of AA was told to supply the pros and cons of each of the four finalists. Two finalists were then brought back for a site visit. Noreen Noonan was selected.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.