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STAFF/LIBRARIANS MEETING
Tuesday, May 30, 2006 @ 2:00 p.m.
Library Conference Room

Attendees:

Kathy Arsenault, Jerry Notaro, Tina Neville, Robert Vessenmeyer, Michael Mathon, Anne Killenberg, Anita Lindsay, David Cipris, Patricia Pettijohn, Jim Schnur, Deb Henry, Virginia Champion, Mika Nelson, Barbara Reynolds, and Jean Ferguson

Combined Staff/Faculty Opening:

The meeting opened with a presentation by Donna Knudsen, a co-chair of the Faculty and Staff Campaign for USF. She passed around handouts about the annual fundraiser with the various ways to give and the many funds available for donation, including a new fund not yet numbered, the USF SP Retired Faculty and Staff Association. She stated that the system goal is \$1.5 million while the USF SP goal is \$26,000, and she expressed her hope that all would consider making a contribution.

Kathy then reminded everyone about the next faculty/staff meeting on June 20 at 2:00 in which we would meet with Dr. Ashok Dhingra, the new Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance. She announced Virginia Champion as the new A&P Head of Access Services, to much applause. Jerry mentioned his recent discovery that some new students (those within the last year) trying to renew materials would first need to check in at Circulation and give the last four digits of their social security numbers to tie into the Aleph system. And Kathy stated that Berrie was working on new email agreements which all of us would need to sign in the near future.

Faculty Discussion:

Kathy announced that one of her summer goals was to do a maintenance inventory on what library items needed replacing, which led to a discussion on the sad state of the carpet, the chairs, etc. She wanted to justify closing the library for a week at the end of the last summer session by having the librarians suggest special projects, and they mentioned weeding and shifting as possibilities. Kathy also reminded the librarians about the mandatory faculty meeting to be held on August 23.

Jerry discussed all the activity taking place in the studio during the formerly slow summer season, including \$30,000 of new equipment, remote cameras, and the taping of distance learning classes, which has generated a huge amount of positive publicity. He observed that the younger people seem far more patient than the older "boomers," provoking a lively discussion and agreement by the other librarians.

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Tina stated that she was finishing her Reference and Instruction Librarian search by putting two names forward to Kathy, who said they would have to await Dr. Durand's return later in the week to deal both with that and the library's consulting plan. Tina also mentioned that Tony would work for the library till the end of June; all praised him for his fine assistance.

Neither Mika nor Anita had any news, and Kathy pointed out that Virginia would be "official" on Friday (June 2) and would be dealing with two positions, a new one in Circulation as well as her old one in ILL.

Patricia told the librarians to be aware that some professors were requiring students to purchase electronic textbooks that couldn't be opened in our library. She also asked about a good time for the library liaisons to meet, but after much discussion nothing was settled.

Deb mentioned the meeting that she and Mika and Tina held with Audrey Powers, a Tampa Library Collection Consultant for the natural sciences. Ms. Powers had the impression, as do some others, that USF SP doesn't want to be part of the USF system, but the librarians let her know that we only want separate accreditation while remaining with the system.

The meeting wrapped up with Jim not having anything to add, Kathy pointing out that 25% of the library's logons are not by USF SP students, and that the funding for the Science and Technology building had been vetoed by Governor Bush.