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STAFF MEETING with Tampa Library Guests
Friday, October 10, 2003
Library Conference Room

The faculty and staff were asked to attend a meeting with Phyllis Ruscella, director of Tampa Library and Todd Chavez, director of technology and technical services from the Tampa Library. The meeting was an open discussion of concerns or questions that we had relating to SFX, USF Libraries website, wireless technology, and WAC plans among others.

Phyllis started the meeting by introducing herself and asked what we wanted to talk about. Deb asked about SFX and Todd went into a lengthy discussion about SFX. He mentioned that there are 3 issues that can affect SFX; vendor level issues, the knowledge base of SFX and technology issues.

Berrie asked about wireless technology and wanted to know Tampa's plans for wireless technology in the future. Phyllis and Todd said they have 10 laptops available for checkout right now and want to increase the number this year. They said wireless is the way to go because they don't have much room for computers in the library anymore. Jackie thought it was a good idea to increase our number of laptops as well.

Phyllis talked about WAC's plans. They would like more people to volunteer to help maintain the website and update links. There aren't enough people maintaining the website right now and they can't always find everything that needs updating. WAC is going to work on a staff intranet for all USF Libraries faculty and staff. The intranet will include information that is for everyone.

After the meeting with Phyllis and Todd, Kathy and Derrie Perez arrived and another meeting started after a lunch break. Derrie began by introducing herself and asking for suggestions on what we should discuss. She also said that she is working on changing the meeting structure and would like to visit the USF libraries as often as possible. After a few suggestions were made on what we should talk about an agenda was set and we started with the USF Libraries website.

Deb and Jerry mentioned that students were not happy with the new setup of the website. Students find it harder to navigate and are asking questions more than usual. Todd mentioned that through the statistics they find the new website to be more user friendly and it might be a matter of retraining our students to use it. An idea was made that we should create a "My Library" which could be a tab off of "MyUSF." Everyone agreed that was a great idea and further research will be done.

Todd said that ex-libris is set to go live Summer 2005. He said that Berrie should work on getting Oracle training and he suggested we set aside money for that.

Derrie talked about the Library Annual Meeting which is scheduled for November 6. It will be an all day event held in the TECO Room of the Education Building in Tampa. Everyone is invited and she hopes that people will make it a point to come. The meeting will begin with each Library director talking about the state of their library. Later in the afternoon there will be breakout sessions for people to discuss issues and it will end with a reception.

Derrie ended the meeting by talking about ARL and how USF Library is working hard to become a member of the organization.