

Library Committee Meeting
Thur, Oct 15, 3:00 pm
Library Conference Room

In attendance: Janet Spittler, Till Meyn, Sarah McNeely, Sam Negus, Karen Steele, June Koelker, Tracy Hull

Absent: Elizabeth Gillaspy, Jeff Coffey, John Harvey, Miguel Leatham, Penny Moore, Abbey Brokos, Laura Wheelis, Matt Chumchal

1. Library feasibility study

Due to a delightfully unexpected funding source, the library was able to support a feasibility study (not a construction project), which was completed in August. The study utilized the talents of Cannon Design (which worked to build BLUU),. The dean also consulted with top level of administrators to go forward. \$50 – 70 million is the very rough estimate. Some of the needs of the library include expanding quality seating (from 900 seats to 1600) and providing better storage (condensation) for expanding collections (ASRS). To see an example of this system, see:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qOnTVFYNnro>

The library has both a circa 1950 and 1980 (architect: Walter Netsch) expansion. These areas would be renovated and the library will preserve the reading room in the original 1920s building. Will reclaim a good part of the present parking lot. Timeline: presentation about project to board of trustees in Nov.

2. Library's Strategic Plan

In the spring of 2009, the library held an all day strategic planning retreat, at which faculty and library staff participated and from which they refined the TCU library's strategic plan for the next 3 years. Dean Koelker and Associate Dean Hull have prioritized the five strategies in the attached document. If you have any questions about this plan, please feel free to contact the Dean.

3. Web Update. Associate Dean Tracy Hull reported about plans for updates to web page. The library's goal is to get the new web page up and running by January 2010. The web update aims to clean up home page, make it more user friendly, and easier on the eyes. **Please note, this is still a work in progress and in need of input from library committee.** Main categories in drop down boxes include: Research resources, How do I...?, Resources for..., About the library. Secondary page will have all main categories, too (About us, Policies, Contact us, Visit the library, Support the library, plus "bread crumbs" to provide context to where they are in the site and how they got there). Please review the accompanying Powerpoint doc from Associate Dean Hull regarding organizing content for the library's page. **She is looking for input on the structure and inclusion of information on each drop down page. Please email her directly regarding suggestions**

**to the proposed content. The sooner she receives this information, the better.
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Due to time constraints, we postponed the remaining items, to be discussed at our Nov meeting. Next meeting, Wed, 11/11, at 2:30 in the library conference room.

Tentative agenda for November meeting:

1. Dean's report on state of the field
2. General discussion and input re: proposal to bring speaker to campus