

Minutes of the Library Committee, November 14, 2018

Present: Tracy Hull; June Koelker; Zack Hawley; Ryan Madigan; Scott Langston; Tim Barth; Dusty Crocker

As we were a new committee, we started with introductions.

Dean Koelker began the update with space development news. The most exciting news was of an architectural study for the west side of the library. It will start soon, but the provost made clear that there will be zero percent chance of a project. The idea of the study is to provide information about the underused spaces (stairwells, dumb waiter, phone booth, etc.). Dean Koelker is hopeful to tackle these issues in the next 3 to 5 years with small, targeted projects. In other space development news, donor funding was secured to panel special collections. The space looks even better now. Funding was also secured for reframing of "Lady Mary" who almost fell out of her frame. Lastly, Tracy informed us of updates to the Fab Lab space. The annex of a nearby room is underway, but the main sticking point is the A/V system. This new room will house several important functions including an office for the manager of the space, virtual reality experiences, and gaming consoles.

Tracy Hull then spoke about the library collection updates. The biggest news was the new databases that were added. ProQuest changed their pricing format that allows the library to try out 100 databases (for a small fee) and track usage. We can then decide to purchase databases based on usage information. Also, some portion of the fee can be used for purchasing these new databases. The library also hired a new electronic licensing library (I hope I got that title correct). This was a great need, as these new databases come with many licensing restrictions. Last, we received a brochure on the library's special collections.

Dean Koelker also spoke about the new medical school. In particular, how co-registering of the students may allow them to receive access and benefits from both TCU and UNT's libraries. We also learned of two digitization projects, Amon Carter archived material and Van Cliburn tapes. These projects are grant funded.

We discussed the strategic plan and both Dean Koelker and Tracy went into detail about this year's achievements and goals.

The Dean also announced a potential new gift to the library:

- a) A 2100 volume collection on Arabic studies. The current snag is shipping costs and who will incur those costs. It will take some effort to translate the material for coding and storing. The library is certainly interested in the collection.

Dean Koelker passed out the invitation to a fundraising event for international collections.

Finally, Dean Koelker asked the committee for advice. She told us that there is greater demand than supply for faculty research space. She is pleased with the work done by the faculty who utilize the space, but is struggling with a way to accommodate everyone. She heard suggestions from the faculty present on how to address the shortage.

Respectfully submitted by: Zack Hawley, chair