

TCU Library Committee Minutes
April 23, 2015

Meeting commenced at 12:30 p.m.

In attendance: Zackary Hawley, Rob Rhodes, Susan Staples, Mark Thistlethwaite, June Koelker, Samantha Moore, Jay Jay Stroup.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Library Update:

James Lutz, Director of Library Administrative Services, indicated that library is expected to be ready for the start of the fall semester 2015, with the project turnover to the library scheduled for August 1. The committee was informed that rain caused some construction problems and damage to some library materials (which are being treated by a freeze-dried process).

Jeff Bond, Science Librarian, provided information about the possibility of the library providing funding to TCU authors of "Open Access" online publications. The committee, which expressed interest in seeing this idea move forward, did raise questions concerning "Open Access" publications in regard to tenure and their evaluation.

Dean June Koelker described a fundraiser planned for 2016, which would bolster the library's international holdings. Dr. Koelker also informed the committee that the library is increasingly engaging with faculty in various projects and is considering digitalizing the *Skiff*, yearbook, and other TCU publications. She indicated that all library off-campus materials are now located in the annex on W. Bolt Street. Information about library security at night, as well night time accessibility to Rees-Jones Hall was presented. In answer to a question about a book return slot for the library's front desk, Dr. Koelker indicated that one would soon be in place.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.