Library Management Team Meeting

Information and Action Items

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

In Attendance

Deb Ward
Kathy Peters
Jeannette Pierce
Corrie Hutchinson
Chris Pryor
Ernest Shaw
Shannon Cary
Support: Jacqueline Eiben
Guest: Matt Gaunt

NEH Grant Preparations

- NEH Grant discussions will need to occur as we move from proposal to planning.
- Deb solicited questions from LMT

Decision: This agenda topic will be addressed at the end of the semester.

Libraries Infographic

- Graduate student on the Campus Library Committee, Sean Duan, created this infographic from MU data that was collected for GWLA over the past 5 years.
  - Sean will include it in his project and paper on how libraries impact student success.
  - Our data has been submitted to the GLWA study over a five year period and it was asked how we can now share Sean’s results with GWLA.
  - Sean did not find a strong correlation with library instruction and GPA but he found strong correlation between library instruction and retention.
  - It was suggested to add a data collection note to the graphic.
  - The infographic was included in the Libraries budget packet.

Plans for Library Society

- Next Friday is Library Society.
- If the casts are placed, we will open the doors to the gallery.
- Thank you to Shannon specifically for her work on this event.
- It was suggested that we communicate with staff that the Grand Reading Room will be offline Thursday through Monday as the furniture replacement is unable to occur over the weekend.
**SAG**

- Our next SAG meeting is on Thursday.
- Deb will reiterate the Head Vet hire, cast gallery update, as well as the award of the NEH grant.
- Additional remarks will be made by Chris, Kathy and Jeannette.

**Water Outage**

- Monday, May 23 is the best possible day to replace a failing backflow preventer on the main water service coming into the building.
  - The water will be shut off to Ellis from 7a-4p and the building will be closed to the public.
- Options for staff include:
  - Work in HSL 207 with access to water and restrooms.
  - Work from home.
  - Work in Ellis if they are willing to work under these conditions.
    - Employees will need to use their key card to get into Ellis.
  - Request PTO.

**Samir Husni Magazine Collection**

- Matt Gaunt joined LMT to describe this potential donation.
  - Dr. Husni has offered his first edition magazine collection to Mizzou.
  - He would like to donate his collection to an academic home.
  - He has 1700 archival boxes; 100,000 magazines
  - He is currently storing the materials but would like to eliminate that cost.
  - We are looking at housing these materials in room 88 until an appraiser can work through the materials.
  - It will be received as a loan and then a gift after appraisal.
  - Discussion ensued as to the potential needs of the West Stacks project and the prospective use of Room 88.
  - Discussion ensued as to the cost of processing this collection versus the benefits, including acquiring a unique collection that can be used across various disciplines.
  - Journalism has extended an offer to fund the shipping costs.
  - Matt indicated there are additional fundraising/grant opportunities from known donors, Development, Samir’s contacts etc. to obtain funding for staffing etc.
  - Discussion ensued about the additional use of room 27 which is designated as swing space for Libraries and food storage and lockers for Bookmark Café.
  - Kelli Hansen created a work plan that lays out the work required by library staff to make this collection accessible, with cost estimates.

**Action:** Kathy will check in with Gerald Morgan to see if room 27 is available for use in this project.
Decision: LMT sees the tremendous potential for this collection to be a valuable asset for scholarship, and therefore the University Libraries will acquire this collection, and work towards making the collection accessible.

Post meeting follow-up complete: Deb has met with Dean Kurpius about this, and has shared not only the shipping cost estimate, but also the work plan with him.

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**Telework Agreements**

- Current agreements expire May 15 and it was approved for staff to re-submit their requests for summer.
- It is anticipated that we will receive some additional requests for WFH due to parking garage closures this summer.

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**Parking Garages**

- Turner Avenue and Tiger Avenue Parking Structures will be closed this summer.

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**Next Meetings**

- Thursday, April 21 @ 2p SAG
- Tuesday, May 3 @ 2p LMT
- Tuesday, May 17 @ 2p LMT
- Tuesday, May 31 @ 2p LMT