Staff Advisory Group

5.10.18

Vice Provost Ann Campion Riley report

Budget -

The University has received a flat budget from the State. That means there isn't compensation for inflation so University Libraries are still in a deficit position. Enrollment is up 14% but the University is still facing Campus budget challenges.

There is a campus meeting May 24 on budget priorities.

Space changes -

State Historical Society is looking move during the summer 2019, which means we will look at renovating fall 2019.

College of Arts and Science is interested in some of the ground level space as well.

Teaching for Learning Center is planned to be housed in our old western Historical space.

There may be a temporary home for the Director of this department to be housed in Ann's old office, 56 Ellis.

Archives will also come in and possibly be in the north east corner of the ground level.

Old Recorded Sound space has been offered to outside groups at various times, but because it needs some renovation it has been turned down, thus far.

Searches -

We are reaching the final stages in our search for NNLM and head of SCARAB.

Ann has attended the Provost Candidate forums. They do hope to announce the new provost fairly soon.

Building enhancements -

Outdoor lighting has been installed. There was concern from the campus that the additional lighting would decrease the historical integrity of Ellis Library; however, alleviating the safety concern was priority.

PGAV architects are interested in building the new depository and have recently had a meeting with Ann and Kevin.

Questions and Answers:

Q: Do we plan to get more information in the future to help inform our budget status?

A: Yes, we will get more complete information from the May 24 Campus Budget Meeting.

Q: Will we know what staff layoffs may happen by the time the Budget Forum happens?

A: Yes

Staff Advisory Group Survey results

Kate explained the results of the Staff Advisory Group Survey which was completed by just under half of the University Libraries' employees.

Key take away: Most people get the information they want from the meetings. It was encouraged that if staff want any particular information that they email the SAG Chair or Vice Provost Ann Campion Riley directly.

Suggestions -

That it be clear that if someone had an agenda item that they wouldn't necessarily have to present on that topic.

That we have a Google doc that spurs ideas where we can all contribute.

That we possibly have SAG in another location or have a tour or field trip of a specialized library or another area on campus.

The MU Library Staff Association (MULSA) social chair and Staff Development Committee hosts tour like meetings and can collaborate with Staff Advisory Group.

General Announcements:

Library Committees went out.

Annual MULSA meeting on May 23rd at 10:00 am

Next SAG June 12, 10-11:30am 4F51A (note location change).