SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
December 12, 2013 @ 2pm
LAO Conference Room, LS7

Present:
Tammy Sugarman, Florian Enescu, Josh Russell, Leslie Marsh, Bryan Sinclair, Terrance Manion, Joseph Hatcher, Jennifer Esposito, Pamela Lucas (Recorder)

Student Mandatory Fee
The $35 library building fee will sunset at end of the fiscal year. A proposal to reallocate part of the fee to create a library fee was presented to the Student Mandatory Fee Committee. The committee passed a $5 fee which will be used to support extended library hours. Beginning fall semester 2014, the library plans to extend its hours to 2am Sunday-Thursday and until 3am during final exam periods. The mandatory fee proposals have been approved by FACP, and are currently awaiting approval from President Becker.

Joint Senate Research/Senate Library Committee Update
The committee was formed to address the institutional repository. Their current focus is the preparation of a policy to address open access and whether there should be a mandatory or voluntary policy regarding faculty deposit of publications in the institutional repository. The committee is reviewing similar policies at other schools such as UGA and GA Tech. The committee approached Dr. Weyhenmeyer with the question of whether he would be willing to provide funds to pay author charges for faculty to publish in open access journals. There is currently a fund administered by the Research Office to pay author charges for faculty publishing in BioMed Central Journals. The committee is waiting for feedback from Dr. Weyhenmeyer on whether the fund can be expanded to cover additional open access journals.

CURVE Presentation
The committee was given a brief update on the CURVE (Collaborative University Research and Visualization Environment) Project, including renderings of how the space will look. This is a $1million project to create a technology-rich space aimed at engaging students by connecting them with the world’s resources, data sets and the latest online research tools. Construction is expected to be completed in the spring 2014, and officially launched in Fall 2014.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be in February. After the holiday break solicitation of dates will be forwarded to the committee.

The meeting concluded at 2:45 pm