SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
February 25, 2019  
Colloquium Room – LS8

Present:
Jeff Steely, Joseph Hacker, Bryan Sinclair, Florian Enescu, Diane Belcher, Pam Barr, Wendy Venet, Hal Weston, Pamela Lucas (Note: Many other committee members attempted to connect via WebEx, but Jeff had the wrong WebEx “room” open)

The meeting began with a brief introduction of members.

1. Library facilities update – the committee received a briefing on phase 1 of the greenway plaza project. The Board of Regents (BOR) have approved the revised budget for the demolition of Kell Hall. Request for qualifications are out for the library entrance, which will be phase 2 of the project. Here is the link: http://ssl.doas.state.ga.us/PRSapp/bid-documents/19509000004-057-19232356.pdf for images of the two phases. Phase 2 will be limited to the $5m allocated by the legislature. The Library plans to request permission from the BOR for a next phase, to follow shortly after phase 2, to be funded by philanthropy and student fees. Jeff’s best guess for a start date for phase 2 in November 2019.

2. Journal Subscriptions and “big deal” renewals – Journal subscriptions with the larger publishing companies are an ongoing challenge. Last year we spent approximately $6.4m. 87% of that goes to on-going subscriptions. We pay more than one third of subscription costs to one publisher, Elsevier. We are currently in the last year of a 4-year “big deal” with them (includes access to virtually all their content with a fixed (but still high) cap on percentage increases from year to year. Overall, electronic resources are increasing 5-6% per year. GALILEO is currently exploring an opportunity to work at a state level with two of the larger publishing companies. We have watched closely what other institutions have done with their big deals, including large Elsevier cuts by Florida State University and the ongoing negotiations between Elsevier and the University of California System.

3. The “pop-up faculty club” concept – the committee provided feedback on the library hosted pop-up faculty club events. The events received positive response by attendees. It was suggested that using the opportunity to highlight the library is key.

4. Serving as Senate Library Committee chair and upcoming call for nominations – With the current committee chair’s term ending this year, all members of the committee are encouraged to consider serving as the new chair. A call for nominations and a vote will be in April, after the University Senate hold its organizational meeting.

5. Personnel changes – Successful searches include the hiring of three reference librarians for Perimeter libraries and the Southern Labor Archivist. We were unable to fill the Acquisitions Librarian so we are revisiting that job description. We have two other vacant positions that will require re-working the descriptions – the Assessment and User Experience Librarian and the Digital Scholarship Librarian.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm