Present: LeeAnne Richardson (chair), Jeff Steely, Stacey Mitchell, Kristina Niedringhaus, Ruth Stanford, Leszek Ignatowicz, Terry Pechacek, Marni Davis, Nicola Sharrett, Destan Stone, Diane Belcher, Branden Calandra, Janella Bassett, Omri Harris, Pamela Lucas, Patricia Carter

The meeting began with a brief introduction of members.

1. Changes in access to online resources – The Hathi Trust Emergency Temporary Access Service (ETAS) collection in the library catalog was deactivated at the beginning of the Fall 2020 semester. ETAS is available as an interpretation of fair use provisions of copyright law. The fair use argument for ETAS is conditional on loss of access to the physical collection. With the reopening of the library and its stacks, ETAS is no longer available. In the unlikely event that the library has to close down again, Hathi Trust would turn the service on again. There are a few other resources that will disappear in the future because of the budget.

2. Budget discussion – the library realized an 8% budget cut. This included a $666K permanent cut to the collections budget. Vacant positions were eliminated along with other minor cuts. The library experienced an additional one-time cut of more than $1 million to the FY2021 collections budget. The library will be making cuts, which include breaking up “big deal” subscription packages, starting with Springer this year. This is something that will be done in the years ahead with other big deals. To ensure we are providing faculty and students with the resources they need, a software tool called Unsub is in use. This software considers a number of data points that help to make targeted decisions when breaking up the big-deal packages.

3. Open Access Policy – This topic was briefly discussed last year. It is a topic that the committee, in conjunction with faculty colleagues, should decide if they want to undertake. The library leadership would be supportive of the undertaking. Open access policies have been successful when faculty want to go in that direction. The standard is the Harvard Model, in which the default for any faculty publication is a grant of the copyright to the university to provide a nonexclusive, irrevocable worldwide license for all copyrights. This would allow the library to put faculty publications into Scholar Works. The Harvard Model also allows for an easy waiver if the faculty member wants to publish in a journal where the license isn’t compatible with the open access model.

4. Research Data Services – the library has a Quantitative Data Specialist position open due to the departure of Dr. Anderson. Due to budget concerns the position has not been posted. This faculty line in the library budget has been maintained. The faculty search will most likely proceed spring 2021. A second Quantitative Data Specialist was added to the group in 2019, because of the demand in that area. A GRA who has advanced quantitative skill and GIS skills was also added to this group. The Library’s budget proposal for FY22 will request funds to further expand this team.

5. Updates –
   a. The library is hosting a book talk series featuring GSU faculty members who have published on race and social justice issues, in partnership with the Center for Studies on Africa and Its Diaspora. The third of these book talks will be presented on 10/19. The final book talk will be on 10/29. The series will be available on the library YouTube and social media sites once the videos have been edited.
   b. Progress is being made on the new Library North entrance. It is still scheduled to open in February 2021. It will add approximately 70-80 seats. The next project is to take the C-Lot (under Library North) and convert it into study space. A feasibility study has been completed. The project will largely be funded by student fee monies that have been collected for the purpose of library renovations. This will add approximately 200 seats.
   c. The library received a substantial grant which arrived on Georgia State Day. It is for digitizing Special Collections and Archives material. The library has submitted another grant, in collaboration with AYSPS, to help prepare our students for Data Science work.
   d. A new Library HR Officer has been hired. Two faculty searches are underway.
   e. Recognition to the library staff for the amazing job that was done over the summer to prepare for the semester.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm