

## SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 13, 2012 @ 1pm

Colloquium Room, LS8

**Present:** Nan Seamans, Deron Boyles, John Decker, Audrey Goodman, Gertrude Tinker Sachs, Nancy Johnson, Leslie Marsh, Florian Enescu, Katherine Willoughby, Lisa Cranwell Bruce, Amber Amari, Tammy Sugarman

**Absent:** Ram Sriram, Ian Almond

Approval of Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve minutes from the November 8, 2011 meeting was called by Katherine Willoughby, seconded by Lisa Cranwell Bruce. The motion was approved unanimously.

### Discussion with Provost Palm

The meeting began with a discussion with Provost Palm who was invited to provide clarification on the rationale behind the change in the library reporting structure. The structural change centers on how we can enhance the library, making it more effective in the way it serves students and staff, and also how to incorporate current trends taking place at other universities regarding IS&T and libraries. She noted that the current direction of the library and the direction of IS&T are often diverging directions. She is reviewing trend information from multiple sources, including the Educational Leadership Group which is currently studying trends in academic libraries. Also, at a recent seminar hosted by Academic Partnerships, she had an opportunity to learn how other universities were combining the IS&T and library functions.

Several specific topics were raised, including the overlap within IS&T and the Libraries. Merging the two is currently not on the table, but more convergence of the two is desirable. A question was raised as to whether the library was viewed more as an administrative entity versus an academic entity. She stressed that as the basis of the teaching and learning function of the university, it is primarily academic, however it is also necessary for IS&T to become more academic as well. We have to progress to a place where we can take advantage of new technology to keep in line with changes in technology and teaching.

As the process moves forward, the Senate Library Committee will be called upon to interact with the consultant who will be hired to assist in determining how the departments will be structured.

### Discussion with Dean Seamans

#### Approval of Guidelines to Start GSU E-Journal

Publishing e-journals is available at GSU through the Digital Archive @ GSU. (This is GSU's institutional repository which is a hosted service provided by BePress - Berkeley Electronic Press.) The committee was presented with guidelines for starting an e-journal. The committee accepted the guidelines, including the proposal that the Senate Library Committee serve as the review and oversight board for the e-publishing endeavor.

### Electronic Theses & Dissertations Submissions Proposal and Best Practices

Currently, there is no University-wide requirement for doctoral students to submit their dissertations to the Digital Archive @ GSU. As this is the university's only record of doctoral-level scholarship, it is important that these works be captured. A proposal to require that will ensure these works be captured and maintained by the university was put forth. Best Practices guidelines were presented as parameters to ensure quality and standardization. The committee approved moving forward with the proviso that the process includes a comment period to allow departments/chairs to weigh in before the proposal goes to the executive committee. A motion was called to accept the proposal by Nan Seamans and seconded by Katherine Willoughby. The motion was approved unanimously.

Action Item for the Committee Chair:

ETD Proposal - The committee chair will implement the comment period of the proposal process. Once complete the chair will take the proposal to the executive committee.

Next meeting: April 10, 2012

April 24, 2012 – Organizational Meeting (Election of committee chair)