

## **SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

February 22, 2017  
Colloquium Room – LS8

### **Present:**

Jeff Steely, Kris Niedringhaus, Joseph Hacker, Wendy Venet, Ken Johnson, Brendan Calandra, Draga Vidakovic, LeeAnn Richardson, Pamela Barr, Lauren Curtright, Becky Ellis, Denise Dimsdale (guest speaker), Pamela Lucas

The meeting began with a brief introduction of members.

### **Master Plan:**

The committee received an update on the progress of the Library Master Plan. The library searched for an architectural firm that would truly partner with librarians in the design process, Pfeiffer Partners was the firm selected. The firm first joined the LMP Steering Committee for a kick off meeting to discuss the process. They have since conducted two workshops. The first workshop entitled Vision Verification focused on understanding the assignment and ensuring alignment with Georgia State's strategic plan. The second, entitled Strategic Thinking for GSU: Goals and Priorities, focused on setting and prioritizing goals. The steering committee's work will be completed by the end of the semester. Pfeiffer's final report will provide a roadmap for library renovation and include drawings and graphics that can be used for fundraising. The report will be presented to the campus community in the fall. On March 7<sup>th</sup>, Pfeiffer Partners will conduct a "tabling exercise" which will give members of the GSU community an opportunity to engage with them. The goal is to solicit feedback on the ideas that have surfaced so far. In conjunction with this activity, the library will distribute a survey to faculty in order to give them an additional opportunity to engage in the process. Most of the master plan is focused on the Atlanta campus, but needs at Perimeter campuses are also being considered.

### **Strategic Plan:**

A draft of strategic intentions was presented to the committee for review and feedback. The three task forces (Student Success, Research Lifecycle, Content) that were assembled to assist with the new strategic plan submitted their final reports last fall. The library leadership synthesized the reports into a uniform document and has since taken the recommendations and ideas from the reports and sorted/coded them to identify common themes. The next step will be to develop strategies for each area.

### **Open Education Resources (OER) Presentation:**

Librarian Denise Dimsdale gave a presentation on the use of available Open Education Resources and services provided by the library. The presentation outlined options available, which included grants for content creation. Highlighted was an ongoing project with the Affordable Learning Georgia Textbook Transformation Grant.

**Updates:**

HathiTrust - the University System of Georgia / GALILEO are progressing with the process of joining the HathiTrust as a consortium. Final details of the license agreement remain to be worked out. The pricing model for the consortia has increased, so there is work being done to determine an equitable way of distributing the cost across the USG schools.

E-resource license violations – the committee received a copy of an email addressing the systematic downloading of licensed content. The email stemmed from an issue with vendors turning off access to electronic resources because of abuses. The library's licenses do not allow for mass downloading. The committee was encouraged to spread the word amongst their colleagues to work with their subject librarians when there is a need to access content for data mining or similar projects.

Spam from predatory publishers and conference planners – the topic was presented as a question to the committee about their experiences with solicitations for publishing or conference planners. The overwhelming consensus is that these emails are primarily treated as junk mail and ignored. The committee was directed to the library's open access guides that provide a vetted list of resources. Laura Burtle, Associate Dean of Scholarly Communications is available to assist if there are any questions.

Budget – Next year's library budget will have a redirection of funds in the amount of 1.68% or \$220K. There will be other challenges to consider, one being collections. In past years the library received funds during the year to assist with the collections budget. To date, the library has not received an additional allocation during the fiscal year. Also, the library is still in the process of renewing licenses as a newly-consolidated university, so the final financial impact of consolidation is not yet known. Another challenge we face is the ongoing inflation in scholarly publishing which results in a cost increase of about 5% each year, or about \$300K.

**Next Meeting:**

Date for the next meeting will be forthcoming.

**The meeting concluded at 10:50 am**