

# University Library Committee Minutes, 9/10/18

## Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

*Members present:* H. Curtis, P. Gardner, D. McCrea, S. Shen, T. Ward

*Members absent/excused:* K. Graneth, A. Klene, T. Shearer

Ex-Officio present: S. Zhang

*Minutes from last meeting:*

The minutes from 12/11/17 were approved.

## Communications:

- New members were welcomed and members introduced themselves.
- Dean Zhang provided the following updates.
  - The first phase of the learning commons was completed over the summer. It included large windows, ceilings, lights, power data ports, and a large panel for displays. New furniture will be added as funding is available. The second phase will renovate the ceiling and lights for the entire public service area on Level 3.
  - The library received a \$2 million donation. Professor McCrea did a lot of work with the donor, Richard Lee Merritt. The donation will create an endowment to support the library's Archives and Special Collections in perpetuity.
  - The library forgave 32 students \$1200 in library fines, so they could start the semester with a clean record.
  - Professor Windy Walker, the library's Digital Initiative Librarian is leading a group to "adopt, adapt, and create open educational resource (OER) materials. The Group met with Provost Harbor and Vice Provost Lindsay. This effort could help with retention, given 65% of students do not buy text books. The next step will be to offer workshops on how the program works.
  - The Mansfield Library participated in the Welcome Feast event and provided free items to students. The item was determined by a spin of the wheel.
  - Provost Harbor approved the recruitment for a circulation staff position to renew the library's open hours from 7:00 a.m to 2:00 a.m. Students need the library to be open longer. At midnight there are still 90 students in the library. The Provost committed to provide the library with \$26,000 for a circulation staff position. He has a positive view of the library. The Library has also been given permission to hire a Government Information Faculty member in April.
  - The library created a room for editing and data processing with large computer screens. Last year a virtual reality room was created that has been very popular.
  - The UM course catalog from 1895- current is now in ScholarWorks. Course syllabi are also available in ScholarWorks.
  - Donna McCrea and Kate Zoellner were selected and participated in the ACRL/Harvard Leadership Institute in August 2018.

- Ben Chiewphasa was recently selected, among over 90 nominations, to participate in the Association of Research Libraries Diversity Scholars program.
- The library was given permission to hire a temporary Government Information Librarian.

## **Business**

- Election of the Chair was postponed until the next meeting because two continuing members were absent.

## **Good and Welfare**

- Members were given a tour of the new Commons area, computer rooms, and light board studio.
- Professor Hedquist is very happy with the new machine that transfers microfilm to a file.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.