Senate Library Committee

Monday November 20th 2017

3:30-4:30pm

Library Conference Room-A 207-E

Minutes

Attending: Paula Korsko, Linda Miles, Iris Mercado, Annie Rounds, Chanh Phan, Rowland Ramdass, Lauren Wolf

Absent: Madeline Ford (ex-officio), Eugena Griffin, Ian Scott, Carol Huie

1. Committee approved October meeting minutes with minor corrections.
2. Reviewed outreach plan 2017-2018, from the Outreach Librarian. Committee members should share with all faculty in their departments. Committee chairs will forward more specifics to committee members when available, so committee members can inform their colleagues. If a committee member, or any faculty from their department, wants to pitch in to help with any of these events, please contact the Outreach Librarian (contact information is on the Outreach Plan). If there is a specific need for help, the committee chairs will contact members to see they or any of their departmental colleagues are willing to step up.
3. Discussed library liaisons to the departments. Liaison librarians do outreach to disciplinary faculty; stay abreast of developments in the disciplinary literature and faculty research interests; request purchase or subscription of library materials related to courses and assignments; and provide 1-on-1 consultations, instructional support, and/or online guides related to students’ research. Discussion touched on collecting materials at a reading level that students will be able to access, and the support that classroom faculty can provide to help students navigate academic texts. There are a few programs that have not yet been assigned to a specific librarian; committee chairs will research and send an updated roster of library liaisons to committee members, who will share with colleagues.
4. Discussed Senate Library Committee members’ roles as departmental liaisons to the library, and how information sharing might work. The committee will work to put these paired-up individuals in contact with each other. Each partner will bring information to the table. The library liaisons will bring some information about the print and electronic collections in the subject area, as well as information about outreach, instruction, what they observe as librarians assisting students on specific research assignments, etc. As a preliminary step, the committee chairs will be sitting down, one-on-one with each library liaison to learn more about how they approach their liaison responsibilities. Committee members will begin collecting information from their departments, to bring to or report on at the upcoming February meeting—curriculum maps and research assignment prompts from faculty teaching courses throughout the department. Discussion touched on how to share information with adjuncts and also how to incorporate information from their perspectives.
5. Next steps: committee chairs will distribute via email the Library Outreach plan, and a corrected chart with library liaisons. Committee members will share these with colleagues from across their departments. Committee members will work to locate curriculum maps for their departments and information about research assignments. They will specifically reach out to adjuncts. Committee chairs will move forward to plan one-on-one meetings with library liaisons. Scheduling for the February meeting will take place during the first week of classes in the spring semester.

The meeting ended at 4:15.

Lauren Wolf