

Minutes for Library Committee Meeting, 26 September 2019

1. Roll Call

- ✓Nicholas Cooley x Matt Nichols (teaching)
- ✓Brian Grudzinski ✓Frank L. Sawyer:
- ✓David Freistroffer ✓Gregory Molyneux
- ✓Eric Walsh

3. Meeting was called to order at 10:58 by Nick Cooley

4. Minutes from 03 May 2019 minutes approved

- Motion from Frank Sawyer
- Second by Eric Walsh
- Motion passed

5. Members introduced themselves

6. David began discussion about bringing “physical benefits” to library, which the library committee could help with.

- a. Suggestions: help reduce underused or unused databases and provide cohort-specific “break out” areas and study rooms for different departments (e.g., business, nursing, sciences)
- b. The committee chair’s role is to elicit support and advice from other faculty members. The goal is to make the library work for all of us despite persistent budgetary constraints.
- c. David said he would discuss the idea of cohort spaces with Stephen Theriault.
- d. Greg said that we can’t be thinking about micro-changes to library layout. It makes more sense to have a comprehensive plan in view before we approach B & G about rearranging the library to accommodate break-out areas or other cohort spaces.

7. Eric gave budget review. No change in the budget from last year. The money is spent, mostly on databases, which become increasingly more expensive each year. This, of course, means the budget cannot functionally maintain the collection we have. No specific numbers will be reported at this time.

8. Eric gave the library report.

- a. University of Nevada Reno is moving on from its current ILS, which GBC currently shares. That means that GBC will no longer be using the Sierra system and will no longer have UNR support. For example, GBC will be responsible for its own cataloging—a

change that means student workers and library staff will take over cataloging duties rather than pay a per-item cataloging fee to UNR.

b. There are reasons to be excited about the new platform. For example, the new system will have a “one-search interface”—searching across all databases and catalogs with a single search (more like google than a traditional library search interface). The new ILS might also make it possible in the future for the library catalog to connect to items in the VHC. Finally, by adopting its own ILS, GBC will have more local control.

c. Students will still be able to see all the materials available for UNR, UNLV, the Desert Institute, etc. and will be able to submit ILL requests, but we will no longer share a catalog.

d. The cost of implementing and maintaining the new ILS depends upon the provider and the number of records in the GBC catalog. There will be a one-time implementation fee and a yearly subscription fee. No specific numbers will be reported at this time.

9. Old Business:

a. Committee discussed which old agenda and action items still mattered—especially the outlet stands, accessibility issues, and changing tables in the restrooms.

10. New Business:

a. Committee returned to the list of possible actions created at the end of the 2018-2019 academic year and prioritized items. At the moment, increasing library and databases/search traffic is important for several reasons, so marketing will be high on the list. We need to find appealing ways to use the library in conjunction with the Academic Success Center and the High Tech Center. The library is not a resource that should be neglected. A neglected library is an underfunded library. An underfunded library is a library with inadequate resources.

b. One issue that needs to be dealt with sooner than later is the number of items in the catalog—several of which are out of date and several more of which are rarely or never used. “Weeding” is essential to meeting accreditation standards and is also important in the library’s search for a vendor for the new ILS. The more records we hold, the higher the implementation fee and subscription cost.

c. Committee discussed ideas about making the library more appealing to students and what we would need to do to create strategic plan for any possible Budget and Facilities requests.

11. Meeting adjourned.