Library Advisory Council Minutes  
Cravens 100, January 12, 2015

Members in attendance: Nancy Baird, Laura Eason, Vicki Fitch, Joann Jones, Howard Margolis, Jerry Martin, Pat Porter Miller, Amy Schneider, Gayla Warner, and Miki Wiseman

Library Representatives: Susan Broady, Connie Foster, Kristie Lowry, Kristen Peterson, and Jennifer Wilson

Library Student Assistant Scholarship winner, Katie DeCoursey, joined the meeting to relay how the scholarship will impact her further studies. Joann Jones gave an update on the School Library Grant winner, Glasgow High School. Using money for additions to the library to help the AP students, 583 students will be affected by the scholarship.

Chair Pat Miller called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were reviewed by everyone present. Jerry Martin made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Miki Wiseman seconded. Approved as written.

Development Report – Kristen Peterson
Connie and Kristen will be attending the ALADN in San Diego in April; they will bring back new ideas to share with the board.

Dean’s Report – Connie Foster
- The legislative advocacy reception at the Kirby Branch in November, in conjunction with Jason Mott’s talk, was well attended by some of our members: Howard Margolis, Laura Eason, Pat Porter Miller and Dr. Dobson. Several local candidates and state officials were present too. Lisa Rice had a poster petition to sign with the heading Libraries Change Lives.
- Certainly with our recent scholarship initiatives, we can show that we support this theme in significant ways.
- On the state library level, we are losing the dean of Murray State to James Madison University in VA where Adam Murray will head libraries and educational technologies, starting in July. He received his EdD from WKU last year and will be greatly missed.
- At the monthly state deans meeting in Louisville last Friday, the development officers joined the group and shared initiatives, changes and visions for fund raising in academic libraries.
- At the Summit volunteer banquet we honored Bill Sledge for his volunteer service in Library Special Collections with manuscripts and folklife archives; we participated in the Alumni Lunch by hosting a table, the Homecoming parade and our Open House with the Confucius Institute was well attended. Thanks to all who came.
- Filled 2 vacant catalog positions in Library Technical Services with faculty starting in January: Joe Shankweiler and Laura Bohuski.
- We recognized freshmen with Undergraduate Research Awards in December, as well as our graduating library assistants.
- Finally, work has begun on the renovations in Reference to increase study areas and decrease print collections, and the compact shelving on 8th floor of Cravens. I will meet this spring with Glasgow Librarian to explore phase 2 of that renovation.

Literary Outreach Report – Kristie Lowry
- Book Fest April 17 & 18 planning; the webmaster is tweaking the site and will be live shortly; 145 authors will attend. All 5 KY Literary Award Finalists will be attending.
- Applied for the Gheen’s Foundation grant to help fund the young writers’ conference.
- Jason Mott visit for SOKY Reads! went really well.
- 2014 recipients, Christa Carpenter and Mark Wayne Adams attended a luncheon in honor of The Evelyn Thurman Young Readers Book Award. Their Bowling Green visit included stops at several local elementary schools.
- The Used book sale will be held March 6, 7, and 8. Books can be dropped off at Barnes & Noble, WKU Libraries, or Warren County Public Library. The book sale will take place at Warren County Public Library’s Kirby branch.
- Little Free Libraries project. The art professor whose students will be creating the structure has suggested that since we didn’t get the grant to fund the project, and because the structure will be housed in the yard of the Sustainability house, we should use recycled items to house the little free library.

Marketing and Membership Report – Jennifer Wilson
- A calendar of events was distributed.
- An internal campaign for general awareness using students from different colleges and departments across campus. It has been a great partnership with the different areas on campus and faculty have been enjoying the fact that we are spotlighting their areas as well.
- There were 700 letters sent to primarily former student workers with a solicitation letter from the Dean and a brochure talking about the membership program.
- There was much discussion on the benefits to being a member including the question of eBooks. More discussion will take place in a special membership committee meeting off campus in the next month.
New Business

- The nominating committee; Nancy Baird (Chair), Vickie Fitch, and Laura Eason will meet prior to the next meeting to prepare the slate of officers of the WKU Libraries Board of Directors 2015-16. Nancy Baird will move into the Chair position and there will be need for a Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary for the 2015 meeting schedule.
- White squirrel t-shirt order: interest by the board has prompted another order for the white squirrel t-shirt that Patric Peters, marketing and membership student assistant, designed for the WKU Library. Kristen will check into WKU Libraries selling these t-shirts as a fund raiser.

Future Meetings – April 13, 2015, Ward Elliott Board Room, Knicely Conference Center, 5:30 pm
July 13, 2015, at the Rick and Ann Guillame Executive Board Room, Augenstein Alumni Center, 5:30 pm

Gayla Warner made a motion to adjourn. Jerry Martin seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joann Jones

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