

University Library Committee Minutes
Thursday, 15 September 2016
10:30 – 12:00 PM
D. H. Hill Library

Members

Walt Wessels, Chair; Maria Adonay; Richard Bernhard; Craig Brookins; Art Cooper; John Gadsby; Michael Geden; Pedro Huebner; Jeffrey Johnson; Chad Jordan; Susan Osborne; Harry Perros; Alice Warren.

Staff

Susan Nutter, Director and Vice Provost of Libraries
Wendy Scott, Associate Director for Organizational Design and Learning
Josephine McRobbie, Assistant Director and Chief of Staff

Guests

Patrick Deaton, Associate Director for Learning Spaces and Capital Management
Chris Erdmann, Chief Strategist for Research Collaboration
Rob Rucker, Chief Strategist for Student Success

1) Introductions; Orientation to the University Library Committee – Walt Wessels, Chair of the University Library Committee

Dr. Wessels discussed the role of ULC's Institutional History Subcommittee, Food Service Task Force, and Appeals Task Force and shared that members may contact Josephine with any questions, concerns, or agenda items.

2) Introduction of New Library Staff – Susan Nutter, Vice Provost and Director of Libraries

Susan Nutter discussed the NCSU Libraries' partial reorganization to better reflect strategic areas of focus and expansion, and introduced Chris Erdmann (Chief Strategist for Research Collaboration) and Rob Rucker (Chief Strategist for Student Success). Susan also introduced Josephine McRobbie in her new role as Assistant Director and Chief of Staff.

3) Strategic and budget outlook for the NCSU Libraries 2016-2017– Susan Nutter

The group discussed campus-wide cut of 1.5%-1.7% per unit and the Libraries' plan to absorb a \$440K cut to its budget. The Libraries chose to maintain collections and related inflation, and to

instead cut strategically from the operating budget and future staffing plans such as reducing the number of incoming Fellows for 2017-2019. The Libraries is a unique campus entity in that the collections budget is a large portion of the total budget, and it cannot be substantially cut without harming research and teaching across all Colleges. This means that cuts to the operating budget hit twice as hard. Monopolies on e-journals and price hikes add further difficulties.

4) Academic Services (DASA) and D.H. Hill Renovations – Susan Nutter and Patrick Deaton, Associate Director, Learning Spaces and Capital Management

The Committee discussed the Provost's directive to the Libraries to find space in D.H. Hill for some of the academic services offered by the Division of Academic and Student Affairs. The proposed renovation of the North and South stack towers on the second and third floor will provide a location for these services, allow the Libraries to relocate collections, and update and improve both floors. The Provost has tentatively committed funding for the renovation, as well as planning money. The project will include a new open stairway to the second and third floors. The earliest possible opening will be Fall 2018. Group discussed DASA seat count and net change in seating. Patrick will investigate this inquiry. Patrick briefed the group on how the planning money relates to the project budget (engineering work, HVAC, etc.). The committee discussed stacks usage and how Talley fits into campus infrastructure.

5) Faculty Research Commons and Updated Spaces - Susan Nutter and Patrick Deaton

Patrick presented on the new Faculty Research Commons in D.H. Hill. There will be a formal opening on 10/13. The Commons includes a faculty seminar room, a large conference room, six bookable rooms, two bookable focus booths, and a coffee and kitchen area. There is the ability to use videoconferencing and Google hangout in multiple spaces. The balcony cannot be opened without significant renovation due to safety issues.. A future renovation will soon begin to add a women's restroom on this floor.

The Libraries has completed other Hill renovations and upgrades throughout the building including a new Cone Zone furniture, new furniture and marker boards in the alcove, new group study rooms, individual Brody seating in the stacks, and updated furniture in the ground floor reading room, and a water bottle filler. We have purchased and installed four new soundproofed music booths in the Digital Media Studio, and have renovated the ITTC-2 teaching lab.

Upcoming projects include West Wing elevator modernization, an elevator for the West Wing second floor, reconfiguring the Technology Sandbox,, updating the Graduate study rooms on floors 2-5.