

University Library Committee Minutes  
May 14, 2015, 3:30 pm

Present: Thomas Burr, Dallas Long, Marie Labonville, Christopher Hamaker, Ellis Hurd, Magdalena Casper-Shipp

Absent: Dane Ward, Carlyn Morenus, Matt Porter, Isaac Dallas, Daniel Heylin, Chad Kahl.

Meeting began at 3:40pm.

Marie had an additional correction to the previous month's minutes. Ellis also emailed Thomas a correction as well. Dallas inquired where minutes are stored. Thomas will find out where they are filed as per Academic Senate rules.

Minutes approved with amendments.

Thomas asked Magdalena how her first month was. She talked about things she has been working on lately, including Milner Library's social media presence, updated signage and materials for Preview Expo days, attending meetings and getting familiar with day to day activities in the library and on campus. Ideas for future projects were discussed, including having a Milner table at Quad Day.

It was decided to table the discussion of the ERIAL article ([https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2011/08/22/erial\\_study\\_of\\_student\\_research\\_habits\\_at\\_illinois\\_university\\_libraries\\_reveals\\_alarmpingly\\_poor\\_information\\_literacy\\_and\\_skills](https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2011/08/22/erial_study_of_student_research_habits_at_illinois_university_libraries_reveals_alarmpingly_poor_information_literacy_and_skills)) until the fall. It was also decided that we do not need to replicate the study at ISU, feeling that the lessons learned and issues raised exist here.

Ellis brought up the idea to have each department link to the library's website from their homepage, and to make sure that faculty are aware of the resources we offer, like LibGuides. Thomas was unaware of the subject specific libguides, providing a good example of why this would be a worthwhile outreach project. It was discussed that adding such a link to departmental homepages would require each department's IT to do this, as well as would have to be approved by whatever group approved changes for each department, possibly making that not feasible.

Subject area librarians should be encouraged to reach out to the library liaison/department chair for each of their subject areas to encourage the addition of links to the library and to make sure that the existence of libguides is more widespread knowledge.

A review of databases and where the decision to eliminate underused ones lay followed. Christopher emphasized that members of his department (chemistry) use journals heavily but have the direct portals linked on their departmental site so rarely access them through the library site. Thomas asked Dallas what he thought, which was that the library can't make the decision on what's best for the departmental users. It was agreed that it would be good for subject area librarians to offer to visit departments twice a year to build rapport and ensure faculty and staff are aware of what the library has to offer them and their students, if Dane and Chad agree.

Next, Ellis asked if the Library committee needed power, what it would be used for and how that could differ from influence. The committee cannot make policies, nor does it have a budget. It can suggest

things to the library. Thomas will try to recruit representatives from the campus units who are not currently represented – Business, CAST, Nursing – and suggest to the senate that equal representation could be made a requirement.

Ellis is done serving on the committee as of this fall. He enjoyed hearing about library events and was thanked for his service.

Marie will be on sabbatical in the fall and Carlin will be taking her place. She may need to be formally appointed by the Senate. Marie would like to stay on the email list.

There was a brief discussion of citation styles and teaching methods for these. Undergrad research and the fact that 85% of all undergrads do partake in some sort of research shows that this is an important part of the ISU experience.

Fall 2015 meetings will be from 3-5pm on the second Wednesday of the month.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06pm.

1. Minutes
2. Follow-up on ideas from last meeting
3. New ideas (see link below)
4. Fall planning - scheduling, other ideas/possibilities