

Agenda
Learning Resources/Library Committee Meeting
Friday, March 31, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Online Meeting

The Committee will review/discuss the following topics:

- I. Student and Faculty Surveys: In-Progress and Posted Online
- II. TexShare Databases Update
- III. Skills Training Center Print Collection
- IV. Seymour Learning Center Update
- V. Annual Action Plan
- VI. Computer Usage and Attendance Data
- VII. Promotional Initiatives
- VIII. Wright Library: Learning Spaces and Signage

Minutes
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Attendance

Committee Member	Present	Not Present
Annette Bever	x	
Julata Brooks	x	
Steven Ellerkamp	x	
Christina Hoffmaster	x	
Dean Johnston	x	
Linda Kalski	x	
Kim Long	x	
Shani Page	x	
Mark Roberson		x
Amanda Snook		x
Stephen Stafford	x	
Angela Ward		x

- I. Minutes from the October 7, 2022 Meeting
 - A. The Chair noted that the minutes had been approved electronically by a quorum of 9 members.
- II. Surveys
 - A. Student Surveys
 1. Marian mentioned that links to the surveys were posted in Canvas.
 2. She further noted that \$25.00 Amazon gift cards would be used as incentives for participation.
 3. The survey closes at 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 13th, and drawings will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 14th.
 - a. There will be one drawing for each of the five surveys (Vernon Campus, CCC, STC, Online Students, and Dual Credit students).
 4. Participation as of 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 30th was:
 - a. Vernon 33 responses
 - b. CCC 47 responses
 - c. Online Students 22 responses
 - d. Dual Credit Students 15 responses
 - e. STC 8 responses
 5. In an effort to increase participation among STC students, the Chair noted that she would coordinate with STC instructors in distributing QR codes and inviting students to access the survey from their phones.
 - B. Faculty Surveys
 1. Participants will have a chance to win one of two \$25.00 Amazon gift cards.
 - a. Drawings will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 14th.

2. The Chair mentioned that the library had received 16 responses as of Thursday, March 30th at 11:00 a.m.
3. The survey was updated to include two additional primary instructional locations from which instructors could choose: Online Only and Dual Credit Instructor at Service Area High School

III. TexShare Databases Update

- A. The Chair noted that she had emailed faculty and staff about changes to the TexShare core collection of databases.
 1. The email included information on the competitive bidding process and on the selection of Gale/Cengage Learning as the primary database vendor. The email also included Gale resources most similar to Ebsco databases for general studies, literature, business, and psychology.
 2. Marian reminded the committee that access to Ebsco databases would continue through August 31, 2023.

IV. Skills Training Center Collection

- A. Marian noted that the library was still updating the collection through withdrawal of dated materials and the purchase of new titles to support the programs taught.

V. Seymour Learning Center Collection

- A. With the closing of the Seymour Learning Center, books housed in the Seymour collection were either withdrawn or integrated into the Vernon collection.

VI. Computer Usage and Attendance Data

- A. With budgetary concerns, data is being collected to determine computer replacements and hours of operation.
 1. Computer usage statistics will be used in determining the number of student computers to purchase as replacements in Vernon and at CCC.
 2. The library will re-evaluate operating hours based on attendance.
- B. Data will be collected through June.

VII. Wright Library: Learning Spaces and Signage

- A. Marian shared ideas for improving access to the PASS Department and New Beginnings.
 1. One initiative will be to remove three book shelves to create a more open space and easier access to both departments.
 - a. The Chair noted that the initiative will be accomplished through weeding to withdraw those materials which are dated and no longer useful to support VC programs and disciplines.
 - b. Marian also mentioned that the need for space is often a primary reason for weeding collections.
 - c. She discussed the major weeding project initiated by MSU's Moffett Library several years ago to reclaim space for independent study pods and group collaboration areas.
 - d. An article entitled, "Weed 'Em and Reap? Deselection of Political Science Books" taken from *The Journal of Academic Librarianship* (August 2017) noted that librarians often characterize weeding or deselection as a necessary but difficult task that is frequently put off or given low priority.
 2. Marian noted that signage added above the entrances to the PASS Department and New Beginning will also help improve visibility and access to both departments.
- B. Wright Library improvements have also focused on adding single study pods and group study spaces.

1. Marian mentioned that a survey on student furniture preferences found that study pods are very popular with students. They really liked the semi-private high walls, power, cubby space and task lighting.
 2. She also mentioned that the pods are expensive.
 3. [It was suggested that the Chair submit a grant for the purchase of pods.](#)
 - a. Marian noted that she would explore the availability of funding sources and grant opportunities through the Texas State Library and Archives Commission's website.
 4. Marian also noted that additional group study spaces are needed. The group study room in the library is very popular.
 5. Marian mentioned other suggestions/ideas she has heard from colleagues:
 - a. Coffee Bar
 - b. Displays/presentations with guest speakers to support DEI: Marian noted that the library is currently supporting DEI initiatives through book displays both in-house and online via the library catalog and the book display widget on the homepage.
 - c. Informal learning spaces with pods
 - d. [It was suggested that the library organize social events and invite the general public to attend presentations by faculty and/or students.](#)
- C. Annual Action Plan: The library submitted two objectives for the plan:
1. Support the QEP by improving student access to research materials and instructional support by updating and developing research guides and tutorials.
 2. Attract and keep qualified part-time employees by increasing the rate of pay from \$10.00 to \$11.00 per hour.
 - a. This objective was not included in the final plan due to budgetary concerns.
- D. Promotional Initiatives
1. Marian noted that Canvas was utilized as a means for posting library information on surveys, orientations, library tips, updates, etc.
 2. It was noted that notifications posted in Canvas are also emailed to all VC students.
- E. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.