2012-2013 Year-End Committee Report Form

Committee: University Library Board

Chair: Katherine D. Harris  
Chair-Elect for 2013-2014: To be determined

Number of Meeting held: 9
(Please include phone/zip/email if available)

Items of Business Completed 2012/2013

1. Affordable Learning Solutions sub-committee was successful in working with various faculty to create and locate low-cost or freely available materials for Fall & Spring courses and offered stipends ($600-2500) to faculty to help them replace expensive textbooks. The ULB also kept abreast of the online education movement and was successful in discussing textbook and online materials with those faculty who were engaged with hybrid, EdX, and completely online courses (outside of SLIS).

2. The ULB offered recommendations to the Vision Strategy for Library Resources & Services – according to the LOFT reports discussed throughout the year.

3. The Institutional Repository has been successful this year in adding more faculty research and documents.

4. Though the academic budget wasn’t as dire as was anticipated, Dean Kifer apprised the ULB on several occasions about the library’s operating budget and was successful in implementing new programs as well as maintaining funding for existing programs. The ULB was impressed by this commitment and offered consultation to Dean Kifer on these budget issues. Daryl Eggers, a member of the ULB was instrumental in requesting a percentage of funding from all research grants submitted at the Foundation; $100,000 was provided to the library to aid in faculty-driven research acquisitions.

Unfinished Business Items from 2012/2013

1. ULB needs to elect 2013/2014 chair.

New Business Items for 2013/2014

1. One of the major goals for the ULB next year will be the LOFT initiative and the best means to reach out to faculty.

2. The second goal will be the 5-Year Library Review. The self-study will take place in Fall 2013, followed by the external review in Spring 2014.

Please return to the Office of the Academic Senate (ADM 176/0024) by June 28, 2013.