

Library Committee Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2008 - Noon – 1:25 PM
Room 204, Tisch Library

Present: FLC Members: Michael Reed; John McDonald; Gina Kuperberg; Mark Kachanov; Jenna Kubly; **Ex Officio Members:** Jo-Ann Michalak; Leah McIntosh; and Laura Walters; **Temporary TCU Student Representative:** Brandon Rattiner

Absent: FLC Members: Greg Crane; David Sloane (on sabbatical); David Proctor; Patrick Forber, Shawna Russo (temporary TCU student representative)

1. Chair's Welcome and Member Introductions: *Michael Reed, Chair*

Michael welcomed the members of the Library Committee and asked everyone to introduce themselves and to share any library issues that need to be addressed.

2. FY10 Materials Budget Request Draft: *Laura Walters, Associate Director for Teaching and Research*

Laura reported that the library had received a 9% materials budget increase for FY09, which has helped the library to increase its purchasing power slightly. The library again is requesting a 9% increase for FY10. Maintaining the status quo would require an 8% increase; the additional 1% will support continued purchasing of some journal backfiles, datasets, and online resources. Journal backfiles are a significant area of faculty request. The *Eighteenth Century Collections Online* usage data was very high during the summer amongst history, literature, and drama faculty who built their courses around this newly acquired collection. The library physically holds 1000 print journals. Twenty thousand titles are online now. More print journals will be changed to online as they become available. The library continues to buy approximately 25,000 books/year. Elsevier costs and the OCA scanning project were discussed. A vote was taken on the materials request budget draft; the committee voted unanimously in favor. See FY10 Materials Budget Request Draft attached.

3. Review of FY09 Meeting Dates and Topics: *Jo-Ann Michalak, Director, Tisch Library*

The committee reviewed the dates and agenda topics for the year. The following additional topics were suggested: choosing titles to digitize; how to access archives and special collections & how to search for rare books; reviewing the Learning Commons brochure, which will be sent to targeted donors; update on faculty research study interviews. Laura Walters explained that the faculty research study is included in Tisch Library's strategic plan. The library will work in conjunction with the Deans of both schools to identify 30 faculty members (across ranks and departments) for a 1 hour interview. The focus of the interview will be on how faculty do research and teach. The larger goal will be to identify faculty need for and use of the proposed Learning Commons. Academic Technology and ITS will join Tisch Library in doing the interviews. Committee members suggested an electronic portal both to inform faculty members of the study and to allow them to register suggestions/feedback. See updated FY09 meeting dates and topics attached.

4. Director's Report: *Jo-Ann Michalak, Director, Tisch Library*

Jo-Ann reviewed the Director's Report, including a recap of the FY09 library materials budget and FY10 materials budget request; library space plans; a Learning Commons update; the finalized Tisch Library strategic plan; the user survey, which indicated that the library's physical space needs to be more flexible and have increased group study capacity. Additionally, Jo-Ann reported on the OCA digitization project. The library is looking at digitizing titles in history of science next year. Medford and Somerville Historical Societies will be partnering with Tisch Library to provide materials for digitization. The committee was informed that the rooftop garden construction completion date has been moved from November to December 2008. Lastly, the new library identity and website redesign were introduced. Members were given a new Tisch Library travel mug and mousepad. See Director's Report attached.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 PM. The next Faculty Library Committee Meeting will be on November 5, 2008 from noon – 1:15 PM.