

Council on Libraries Meeting

January 12, 2006

Attending: John Crane, John James, Mikhail Gronas, Jeff Ruoff, Michael Beahan, John Scott, Barry Scherr, Teoby Gomez, Cynthia Pawlek, Harold Frost, Kathy Cottingham, Jeffrey Horrell, Malcolm Brown, Bob Graves

1. Introductions of those attending.
2. Minutes of the December 8, 2005 were distributed and approved on a motion by John Scott with a second by Jeff Ruoff.
3. Jeff Horrell provided an update on three positions in the Library system for which search committees are active in searches: Associate Librarian for Information Resources, Associate Librarian for Information Management, and Digital Resources Coordinator.
4. John James reported on Federated Searching and the contracting with Webfeet to provide the capability for a user to search numerous sources and databases from a single access point. The capability to initially access 50 separate databases may be expanded to up to 350 databases if the first effort is judged successful.
5. Jeff Horrell noted that the plans for "Lunch with the Dean of Libraries" have moved forward with Cayelan's guidance and the first is scheduled for January 31.
6. Jeff Horrell also reported on the progress of the Template for the Scholarly Communication project for the sciences as it develops through the efforts of Bill Garrity and Jim Fries. Kathy Cottingham offered that the Biology faculty continues to be a good audience for its debut.
7. Mike Beahan, Director of the Jones Media Center, provided updates on its activities and led a tour of the facility. Mike's presentation covered the digital media internship, podcasting, and streaming video projects as well as e-copy support and weekly workshops. Demonstrations of various curriculum support materials were also a part of Mike's presentation in showing how the Jones Media Center works with faculty in their course material preparation and delivery as well as supporting student access to the materials.
8. Council adjourned at 1:15 pm for the Jones Media Center tour.