KUMC Information Resources Committee

Minutes from 12/8/14 meeting


I. Meeting was called to order by Steve Lauer
II. Minutes from the 10/20/14 meeting were reviewed and approved
III. There was no meeting of the Faculty Assembly Steering Committee on 11/14; the next meeting is scheduled for 1/20/15. We will hear a report on this at our next meeting.
IV. Jameson Watkins, Library Director, provided and update on activities in his office
   a. Student Survey – students were surveyed regarding their views on how the library system is working for them. Results were very positive.
   b. Facilities – the general concept is to make Dykes a focus of student activity on campus. The clinical focus on campus will move north in coming years with the construction of the SOM Student Learning Center and the KUH Cambridge Towers facilities. Jameson sees Dykes as an emerging student center.
   c. Vending machines in the library will be replaced with a local mini-market that will be stocked with healthier foods. This should be in place in early February. In addition, custodial services will increase to keep the facility cleaner now that it is a 24 hour a day facility.
   d. Jameson reviewed the relatively new Liaison role of the Librarians. One is assigned to each School. They can help individual faculty members with a variety of information resource questions. Their offices are in the basement of Murphy.
      • Rachel Vukas: School of Medicine
      • Julie Zimmerman: School of Nursing
      • Sara Robertson: School of Health Professions
      • Heather Collins: Assistant Director of Research & Learning
      • http://library.kumc.edu/contact-us/library-staff-directory.xml
   e. The weeding of the stacks continues. Books that are being discarded are placed at the front of Dykes on a shelf where they can be claimed by KUMC employees. Dr. Griebling was concerned about the loss of historical journals and asked that a list of journals being removed be regularly supplied to faculty. Jameson discussed an NLM program that KUMC participates in that is working to consolidate these historical journals see information at http://www.nlm.nih.gov/psd/printretentionmain.html
   f. Jameson gave a budget update. Subscription costs continue to rise while the budget projections are flat at best. Currently a budget of $1.6 million; staff has been adjusted as much as is possible. Jameson continues to work with publishers to get the best possible deal on subscriptions. In addition there are ongoing discussions with KUH about sharing of information resources costs.
g. There may be opportunities for Dykes to play more of a regional role. Jameson has had discussions with Stowers and CMH about increasing the support role of Dykes for these institutions.

Steve Lauer will check with the Student Governing Council to identify a student member of the committee.

Next meeting: ?? 5-6PM
Dykes Library, 2nd floor conference room