Library Committee – Virtual Meeting

18 October 2021

Notes taken by volunteer Secretary, Heather Spalding

Present:

• Introductions of all attendees
• Katie Swart – review of objectives of the Library Committee
• John White
  o OVERVIEW: challenges of COVID in the library and need to review the budget, security needs, will automate access with a card access system
  o significantly more ebooks now than print
  o students used library as much during pandemic as non-pandemic years, except for drop in print use
  o Behrang – question about visitors
    ▪ John White: visitors not encouraged, need an appointment, worried about a high number of students present at the same time, students like the added security measures
  o Budget – John White
    ▪ Large part of budget is the serials prices, academic journals have ~5-7% inflation rate; hasn’t been funded consistently, thus >500K less than where we should be, and does not include new needs
    ▪ Emphasis of this committee is to figure out where to cut, typically emphasize protecting academic journals
    ▪ Fully funded serials this year, and new collection assessment that approves new resources is now established to fund new programs. For example, new engineering program
  o Heather Gilbert – explanation of budget report
    • No cuts in firm order budgets
    • Turned off auto shipping for baseline scholarship, now selecting material
    • DDA – vast majority of ebooks, provides access and only paying for content clicked, kept this amount flat
• Kanopy PDA (Patron Driven Access)– Kanopy, only pay for video when viewed, have been negotiating to keep growth down, dedicate $80,000 to this
• New and One Time: Perpetual Costs – one time fee, not currently funded
• Serials – highest raise, includes Engineering
• John White – not funding inflation is actually a cut to resources used by faculty and student, can’t cut print any more
• Added IEEEExplorer added for Engineering, access to some Atlantic Magazine and Life Magazine archjve, Wall Street Journal database access
• John White – Heather G. good at projecting future needs (very complicated, especially with on-demand resources), IEEEExplorer first major resource added in a decade, so good news to start new Engineering Program with the necessary support
• Jessica M – requested that the committee gets access to a copy of the budget to review and reference
• John White – library budget operates on a 3 year cycle due to committed subscriptions, which are typically 3 years in duration, or changes in use (faculty using resource goes on sabbatical or when classes were offered)
• Can use Material to Request Form to use when using specific electronic resources to ensure it’s not dropped or discontinued

  o Katie Swart – next meeting in March/April