UAMS Library Advisory Committee Meeting

11:30am-1:00pm, April 9, 2013
Library, 3rd Floor, Videoconferencing Room

Minutes

1. Attendees included Cindy Mercado (for Steve Boone), Zoran Bursac, Mark Estes, James Graham, Neena Grissom, Daphne Hyatt, Bobby McGehee, Bruce Newton, Kevin Ryan, Rhonda Sledge, Jan Hart and Mary Ryan.

2. Budget - $146,000 was added to the budget for FY 14 to cover the estimated cost increase for journals/databases, including the $20,000 cost increase for UTD, but some cuts are still needed to balance the base budget after the $160,000 cut two years ago.

3. Renovations
   a. Summary of completed projects
      i. Converted 1st floor study area to Active Learning Center
      ii. Added digital sign in ALC to include schedule for ALC classes and news
      iii. Enclosed SE study area on 1st (added to 24/7 study area)
      iv. Converted offices to new quiet study area in NW corner of 1st (added to 24/7 study area)
      v. Removed stacks and built study area and new administration and IPE offices on 2nd
      vi. Removed stacks and built large new study room on south end of 3rd
      vii. Rearranged NW and NE study areas on 3rd
      viii. Repainted three group rooms on 3rd and added new equipment
      ix. Built wall in LRC to separate office from student area
      x. Recarpeted many of the public areas in the Library
      xi. Renovated all group study rooms – paint, monitors, whiteboards
      xii. Added 100 black chairs for study areas
      xiii. Added three security cameras and panic buttons in NW 1st study area
      xiv. Recycling – 20,000 bound journals and books, and 16,337 unbound journal issues were recycled through the campus recycling program.
      Surplus furniture and equipment were redistributed as follows:
      Shelving: Student Housing, COP, 12th St. Community Health and Wellness Center, Public Schools and school districts (Benton, Morrilton, Cutter Morning Star, Mountain Pine), Physician Assistant Program
      Furniture:
      PA program (tables, chairs, computer tables)
      Office of Global Health (desk, bookcase, chairs)
      Office of Interprofessional Education (desk, 3 bookcases, chairs)
      12th St. Community Health and Wellness Center (2 conference tables with 9 chairs each, 4 large wooden cabinets, metal file cabinets, 30 wooden chairs)
      COM Curriculum Office (chairs, bookcases)
      Office of Educational Development (chairs)

   b. Projects in process
      i. Redesign of front entrance (carpet over brick, replace circulation desk and add sound proofing)
ii. Elevator – renovation of elevator projects is over budget & behind schedule, dings will be added when elevator stops to meet ADA requirements

c. Catwalk – too expensive (over $30,000), will put quiet signs up instead

d. 2nd floor east – in planning stage

4. Non-Capital Equipment recently funded by Dr. Heard
a. 45 more black chairs for study areas (still need more)
b. Chairs for vending machine room on 1st
c. Presentation room renovation & equipment on 3rd (will enable students and faculty to practice presentations, tape themselves, and produce high quality videos)
d. New (smaller & more efficient) circulation desk
e. Public printers (7 old ones will be replaced)
f. Replace 1 public photocopier with a printer/scanner
g. 3 iPad minis for reference/education staff
h. Laptop for videoconferencing room
i. Mac computer in Teaching Resource Center
j. Larger monitor for HRC scanner
k. 3 security cameras and panic buttons for study areas
l. Videography equipment for oral histories, videos, etc.
m. Other needs not yet funded – exhibit cases for 1st floor, new tables for vending machine room, additional security cameras and replacement of old ones, and more panic buttons.

Bobby McGehee recommended the purchase of more microphones for the ALC.

5. Scholarly Communications
a. NIH PA Policy – As of July 1, NIH will delay processing of awards if publications arising from NIH funding are not deposited in PubMed Central within one year of publication. Reference librarians Susan Steelman and Jessie Casella are producing monthly reports listing non-compliant articles for various colleges and departments, and are working with authors to deposit their articles. Some situations are quite complicated and very time-consuming to address. Because we were already working on a pilot project with NIH to develop the compliance monitoring system and producing reports for the past two years, we are ahead of most other AHCs with a compliance rate of about 85% (average is 75%), and ACH is fully compliant.

b. White House/Office of Science and Technology Policy memorandum - In February the administration issued a memorandum directing federal agencies with $100M+ in R&D expenditures (that’s about 10 federal agencies) to develop plans to make results of research freely available within 1 year of publication and requiring researchers to better account for and manage digital data resulting from federally funded research…the directive is in effect now and the agencies must submit their draft policies by the end of August.

c. FASTR – The Fair Access to Science and Technology Research Act of 2013 is bipartisan legislation currently being considered in Congress which would require federal agencies with $100M+ in extramural funding to require that each researcher receiving federal funding deposit their articles in a publicly accessible repository within six months.
6. Personnel Changes – The Library’s management team reviewed all jobs in the Library, discussed what needs to be done and what doesn’t, reviewed skills of all employees, and revised some people’s job duties to have a more efficient organization of duties and use of available skills. The reorganization resulted in two people moving to different departments/jobs and the elimination of two positions (a vacant one now and one when it becomes vacant in the coming year due to a retirement). An IT support position to assist students in the use of laptops and mobile devices will be established in July.

7. Active Learning Center – Statistics for the use of the ALC during the fall semester: 70 classes (5 COP, 1 COP & Library, 60 COM, 1 COM & Library, and 3 IPE (including two training sessions). The ALC schedule is regularly posted on the Library’s new digital sign, in other Library announcements, in the Library elevator, and on the Library’s website, so students can easily see when the ALC is available for study.

8. Fundraising – An advisory group has been established to assist the Library in developing plans for fundraising. Members of the group are Art Horne (Institutional Development), Dr. John Shock (Ophthalmology), Dr. Jon Wolfe (COP), Edwina Walls Mann (volunteer), and Bobby Roberts (director of the public library system). A major focus for the fundraising campaign will be the Historical Research Center.

9. HRC – Suzanne Easley led a project to digitize volumes of the Journal of the Arkansas Medical Society from the 1870’s-1922. The publicly available file are searchable by keyword and provide information on the history of the health sciences in Arkansas during the late 1800’s-1920’s. Library faculty have been assisting Dr. William Lindsey in getting his book on Dr. Wilson Bachelor, a physician who practiced in western Arkansas in the late 1800’s, published by the UA Press. It is due to be published next month.

10. AHEC Libraries – Names of the AHECs changed April 1, 2013 to UAMS Northwest; UAMS Southwest, etc. Only residency and educational programs kept the AHEC name. Use of DynaMed, a point of care clinical information resource, is still being promoted throughout the state, with about 500 health professionals registered to use it, including physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, physical therapists, administrators (10), dieticians, EMT/Paramedics, health educators, public health professionals, etc. Free CME is available when using DynaMed EBM Focus weekly topic, and CME credit for use of DynaMed topical articles will be available after CE City is implemented.

11. Outreach – Some equipment and a lot of surplus furniture (resulting from the renovation of the Library) were provided to the 12th Street Health & Wellness Center, and Dr. Jan Hart, Associate Director of the Library, is serving on the advisory board. Some equipment and health literacy resources training were provided at the Mexican Consulate, and Jon Goodell helped write and submit applications for equipment grants for the Harmony Clinic and Easter Seals AR.

12. Announcements – Staff is working to make the UAMS Library a delivery and pickup site for CALS (public library) materials, which would enable even employees and students who live outside of the CALS service area to check out CALS materials through the UAMS Library. The current Library building was officially dedicated in October of 1978, and a rededication ceremony is being planned for October of 2013. The new art exhibit on the 2nd floor contains photographs of blues musicians and venues taken by Johnpaul Jones (Creative Services) and Dr. Bruce Newton (Neurobiology & Developmental Sciences).