Faculty Library Liaisons Committee

Meeting Notes - Nov. 13, 2014

Attendance
Andrea Arikawa, Nutrition & Dietetics
Denise Bossy, History
Chui Choi, Engineering
Jeffrey Cornett, Foundations & Secondary Education
David Jaffee, Sociology & Anthropology
Jason Lee, Leadership, School Counseling and Sports Management
Michele Moore, Public Health
Mahbubur Rahman, Mathematics & Statistics
Renee Scott, Languages, Literatures & Cultures
Alicia H. Sitren, Criminology & Criminal Justice

Library representatives:
Elizabeth Curry, Dean
Dee Baldwin, Associate Dean
Kim Joselove, Development Intern

The purpose of the committee is to enhance library services. The meetings will provide an opportunity for the library administration to listen to faculty and to share information on library developments. While faculty have librarians who are assigned as department liaisons and the library faculty members review information from the faculty and staff survey, the Library Dean and Associate Dean want to be sure there is time for dialogue.

The agenda invited meeting attendees to discuss what they valued about the library, what were library strengths. The agenda also invited faculty to share their ideas on what the library could enhance or change to better serve the faculty. The following is a summary:

STRENGTHS-POSITIVES

- assistance from librarian who is departmental liaison
- meeting with Special Collections Librarian on Carolyn Williams collection
- using library to access online journals from home
- using online journals for information to students
- CRL (Center for Research Libraries) and what UNF library can provide to faculty through CRL.
- Engineering noted the addition of IEEE was invaluable for students
- Faculty noted improvement in literature available in foreign languages
- DVD collection has improved

ENHANCEMENTS - SUGGESTIONS

- Retain online subscriptions to journals
- More Spanish materials needed
• Math textbook should be put on reserve because students don’t always have text when class starts.
• When new courses are offered resources need to be available in the library to support the new class.
• Example was discussed about using online resources and no text. Faculty thinks the library could help planning the future without text books.
• Faculty discussed testing online.
• Comments were discussed that taking the “catalog” off the home page was a mistake because students have trouble finding it when assignments require it.
• Group discussed the importance of searching and learning to refine searches.
• Faculty concerned about lack of monographs being purchased and issues with the budget. The library budget is a problem and faculty members should be advocates for what they need.
• The library dean emphasized that faculty should work with their deans to support any requests for additional materials.
• The library dean explained that the budget for information content and collection has been flat for over 10-15 years which translated into 40% reduction in buying power due to increased cost each year when publishers raise their prices. There is possibility of $75,000 to 100,000 cut in databases next year if prices increase and the library budget is not increased.
• Faculty can help by making their department aware of the budgeting problem and advocating for resources they need.

The next meeting will be held in the morning to accommodate the schedules of faculty who were unable to attend the lunch meeting.