Library Committee Minutes

September 30, 2014

Members in attendance: John Turner, Ed Yeterian, Rob Weisbrot, Adrian Blevins, Fernando Gouvea, Michael Burke, Raffael Scheck, Marilyn R. Pukkila, Lisa McDaniels, Clem Guthro, Holly Hogan, Liz Paulino

1. Minutes – Minor corrections to the minutes of 9/15/2014. There was also some substantive discussion on the phrase “apparent anathema of doing research in libraries vs using Google”. The committee, as a whole, favored increased information literacy training for students, and there was some discussion on when, where, how this should happen.

2. John noted that the next meeting was rescheduled to 10/16 at 4:00pm to avoid a conflict with Fall Break.

3. Update on Data Collection: Clem presented library data on the top ranked liberal arts colleges mirroring the colleges President Greene used in his first faculty meeting. Pomona and Claremont McKenna were excluded from the list because they share a library with three other schools and it makes the data difficult to compare. The data that was presented included Student enrollment, Faculty/student ratio, Endowment, Library Budget, Librarians (FTE), Other professional staff (FTE), hourly staff (FTE), Total Library staff (FTE), Print books & Journals, Ebooks, and Audiovisuals.

The Committee decided that for a clearer picture we needed to gather more focused data for comparison and therefore to construct a survey of the following schools: Williams, Amherst, Swarthmore, Bowdoin, Middlebury, Carleton, Wellesley, Davidson, Haverford.

The Committee began developing a list of data points that Clem will gather from colleagues at these colleges. The group brainstormed some ideas, Clem and Lisa will work on a more comprehensive list for approval at the next library committee meeting.

4. Discussion of Library Forum on 10/9

A variety of opinions on the upcoming Library Forum with President Greene were expressed.