

GBC LIBRARY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – 15 February 2018, 10:00 am – 10:45 am

Elko: GTA 118; Winnemucca: GBC 123

ATTENDEES:

Scott Gavorsky [chair]; Brenda Willey [ex officio]; Tim Beasley; Stacy Rust; Kathi Griffis; Gary Chidester; Greg Molyneux [via e-mail]; QUORUM

AGENDA:

1) “GBC Library” link now on main GBC Website page.

2) Library in Five Years - **DISCUSSION**

Prior to beginning finalization of Library Policies and Procedures, the Committee held a discussion of where we would like to see the Library develop in the next five years, with the idea that policy revisions should reflect these goals.

The following goals were discussed:

- a) Increased group space: There has been an increasing interest in groups seeking to use the Library as study space. The Committee would like to see such group space increased. In the short term, the use of movable partitions to separate “group” areas to limit noise is a possibility. In the long term, thought should be given to Library renovations to create more study areas either through reconfiguration or expansion.
- b) Greater “presence” in the Centers is desired, for both students and the broader community. For students, the Library will continue to participate in Orientations (both live and via IAV, per Center request), which has been received positively. The increased use of library resources, however, is also strongly dependent on pedagogical approaches which require such resources, which is a bit beyond the Library’s direct control.

Expanding community library usage is more problematic. The Centers do have passwords to allow community members to access GBC Library resources, but making communities aware of these resources requires more discussion.

- c) Website Development: Increasing usability of the Library website remains a goal, and ideas were discussed on how to include additional resources for students and faculty on the website.
- d) A series of proposals for a new Library Mission Statement were presented and are under consideration by the Committee.

3) Library Updates

New Library usage data statistics became available last week, and the Library staff is currently reviewing. The initial assessment, however, is the statistics are indicating continued strong use of library resources.

The “Blind Date with a Book” event has been successful; congratulations to Kristina Thuemler for the idea. The various exhibits in the Library have also been attracting increased traffic, particularly with the public.

The Library still has a considerable backlog of uncatalogued acquired materials dating back years. A funding source to allow these materials to be fully cataloged is still not available. Recent Library personnel turnover has slowed the process as well, although this is expected to improve as positions are filled. This project remains a priority for the Library.

4) New Business

a) Copyright Policy Forum: The Library has been fielding requests from faculty about copyright policies for instructional materials, especially films, used in classes. The Committee is considering working with the Virtual Humanities Center to put together a workshop inviting in an expert to discuss this issue. A recording of this talk and related resources would then be made available to faculty through the Library website.

b) A formal revision of the Library Policies will be undertaken at the next Library Committee meeting.

5) Next meeting: Thursday, 8 March 2018, 10:00 am, Elko MH 110 and Winnemucca GBC 108

6) Meeting adjourned.