LIBRARY ADVISORY MEETING APRIL 8, 2015

Attending: Angi Faiks, Louisa Bradtmiller, Katy Gabrio, Brian Longley, Jerry Sanders, Joelle Vitiello, Em Gustafson, Lizzie Arseneault, Casey Jarrin, Jacki Betsworth

1. Approval of minutes from last meeting. Minutes were approved.

2. Library Updates
   - Budget - The library received a $15,000 total increase for 2015-16. We will be challenged to manage budget needs with this modest increase. We anticipate a $50,000 increase in subscription costs alone. Katy Gabrio and Laura Secord will meet to craft a plan, in collaboration with faculty members and other libraries. In the last 8 years our increase has been 1-2% and we have been able to move to new models of access and reduce duplication of services. We have fewer options because of the cuts we have made in recent years. Historically, Macalester has been responsive to departments who find they need additional one time funding after the budgeting process is complete. As an aside, we are exploring membership in the Center for Research Libraries in Chicago, which will be a tremendous resource.
   - 10th Anniversary of Digital Commons implementation - will be celebrated as part of National Library Week during the happy hour and also on Friday morning with coffee and treats for faculty, staff, and students.

3. Access, Instruction and Research - Angi Faiks
   - Ethnographic Study - In an effort to get an objective view of our new service desk, the library has collaborated this spring with Dianna Shandy’s ethnographic studies class to assess the space from the student experience. Students will present to library staff next week, and Angi and Dianna will also present an overview of the project to the Central States Anthropological Society Meeting, to be held in downtown St Paul later this month.

4. Collections Discovery & Development - Katy Gabrio
   - Our new system went live in 2014. For many of the staff, the streamlining of some services has freed their time for outreach and other projects. We have strengthened our relationship with vendor OCLC and are part of the testing and development of the product as it grows. The process has enabled us to think in a more visionary fashion and to lead and mentor other institutions (10+) as they make similar system choices. Katy praised library staff for willingness to move forward and embrace the change.
   - Update on library systems: WMS & Discovery Layer - Angi, a member of the Worldcat Discovery Beta Advisory Group, gave the group a sneak peek of the new interface. Target availability for us will be June 2015. Committee members will be welcomed to report questions, problems, concerns about any challenges with the interface.
   - Collection Management Project update - The collection review continues. Staff are about to close the list for the N’s (art). Our last list is targeted for January 2016. Over 28,000 titles have been reviewed, 22,000 have been withdrawn, and 900 boxes of books have been sent to Better World Books, providing funds for Books for Africa and our collections budget. Conversations with faculty have been beneficial to us and to departments as we both become more aware of resources we have and how they are used. We are pleased that the company that managed our data in preparation for this project has been acquired by OCLC, our library management system vendor.
   - Collection Development practices update - The collaboration of faculty in spending departmental allocations is very valuable to us; however, the ability of departments to find time for that process is
not equal across campus. We have begun encouraging faculty to reach out to liaisons for help in spending those allocations. Katy requested feedback from faculty on the advisory committee about the value of the process to them as it is, and how it might work better for them.

- Feedback: an info session at the beginning of the fall semester to clarify and demystify the process for faculty, by division or by department, would be helpful.
- There may still be some disconnect, which might be addressed by more partnering between departments and library, or getting out to departments.

- E-books - We are taking a stance as a library to choose only e-books that are friendly to libraries, as much as we can, so that they are shareable and are actually what is wanted by the requestor. FFI, see our E-books Rights Advocacy page on our web site.

5. Campus and Academic Media Services - Brian Longley

- Report on Open House - The former Media Services has a new name (Campus and Academic Media Services = CAMS) that better reflects our services. Library staff hosted a nice gathering to celebrate our new library location.
- Classroom technology - CAMS is trying to address the issue of "oh, that never works" in spaces where Mac community uses technology. Signage will be posted in all locations, and CAMS will document and report to this committee the kind of response they get, and their successes.
- This year CAMS has received budget to upgrade 15 more classrooms to the new standards (blue ray, etc.) this June. There are 56 classrooms total on campus.

6. Summer Projects

- SPARCS - Angi Faiks
  - The library and Advance IT MN (part of Metro State) are co-hosting a technology day camp for girls in grades 9-12 from underrepresented populations. We previously explored hosting Black Girls Code but they are not currently ready to pilot a project in Minnesota. Sedric McClure, Ruth Janisch-Lake, Karla Benson-Rutten, Suzanne Burr, and many other supporters across campus will collaborate. It will happen entirely in the library. Themes will include networking / security / analytics, and software development. If year one is successful, the group’s goal for next year will be an overnight experience with stay in the dorms. Registration will open soon. FFI, contact Angi. The camp will be affordable, with scholarships for all who need one.

- Library Technology Conference - Jerry Sanders
  - This is a great conference, and it is getting better and better. The day 2 plenary speaker, Bohyun Kim, talked about preparing communities to live in the modern world of technology. She said the library should take a leadership role in addressing ethical and moral questions that stem from the second technology age. Jerry would like to foster exploration of such questions at Mac, e.g.: If you knew you could be immortal, how would that change the way you think and act? The consequences? Angi reflected that ideally the library would be involved in an course that explore conversations like this one but does not know of any such opportunities. Joelle mentioned other campus conversations taking place concerning big data and its connection to ethics. Jerry proposed formation of a committee to explore possibilities and pledges support from ITS.

7. Questions from Committee Members

- Q: Ethnographic study - what does it mean?
  - A: Students in the class have done 100+ hours of observation, also interviews, students are journaling about their capstone experience with regard to the library. Are people feeling welcomed and successful at the library? Are we achieving the efficiencies we hoped to achieve with our
consolidation? How do those two questions come together? The goal of the interviewers is to bring the experience of the user to everyone.

ACTION: Angi will explore the possibility of Advisory members being invited to next week's presentation.

Adjourned 1:12 p.m.