University Library Board - April 18, 2017
Minutes

Present: Jennifer Dahlman, Deidre Dempsey, Gay Derderian, Linda Kohlmdorfer, Scott Mandernack, Rebecca Nowacek, John Pauly, Chris Shaw, Doug Smith, Janice Welburn, Jean Zanoni

Dean Janice Welburn distributed documents outlining the Libraries’ strategic plan in relation to the University’s plan and highlighting the Libraries’ current and future initiatives in the areas of research and scholarship, teaching and learning, and engagement and collaboration. She noted that the Libraries’ will be offering extended hours in Memorial during finals week, a room on the first floor of Raynor is now designated as a group study room for graduate students, and there have been some modifications to the faculty carrell policy to accommodate increasing demand.

The Libraries will be co-sponsoring another digital scholarship symposium on September 28, 2017 featuring two keynote speakers and a faculty panel. Details to follow.

The Board engaged in a discussion around two questions:
1. What is your/our vision of the library’s place at Marquette?
2. In the service of that vision, what two or three initiatives would you encourage the dean to pursue in 2017-18?

More emphasis should be placed on marketing and innovation by demonstrating the Libraries’ connections to campus, focusing on relationships (people helping people to find solutions), and highlighting student (undergraduate and graduate) and faculty success stories as well as examples of faculty/student/librarian partnerships.

The possibility of the Libraries and the Writing Center partnering St. Rose Messmer School which is located in the Near West side neighborhood was discussed.

More emphasis on library facility upgrade and maintenance was also noted as an area of focus.

John Pauly who will be retiring at the end of the academic year, was recognized for his excellent service as Library Board chair. Deidre Dempsey will serve as chair in 2017/18. Any board member interested in serving as co-chair should contact Janice Welburn.