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Members: John Eye (Chair), Susan Dobson, Max Grivno, Susan Mullican, Jesslin Williams

Guests: McKenna Stone, SGA senator

Guest Speaker: Sarah Mangrum, Access Services Librarian

Guest Speaker: Josh Cromwell, Institutional Repository Coordinator

Golden Eagle Textbook Initiative – Sarah Mangrum

Sarah Mangrum gave an overview of the Golden Eagle Textbook Initiative (see attached).

The GETI is a pilot program on the Hattiesburg campus. If successful, it will be implemented on the Gulf Coast campus.

Members of the Libraries Advisory Committee are encouraged to talk to the faculty in their departments about getting extra desk copies of textbooks. Faculty members should contact Sarah Mangrum at Sarah.Rials@usm.edu or the Circulation desk at 601-266-4250.

Open Textbook Initiative – Josh Cromwell

Josh Cromwell gave a summary on the Open Access Textbook initiative which encourages faculty to replace traditional textbooks with open access materials. Details on this initiative can be found on the application from last year on the Provost's website, <https://www.usm.edu/provost/open-textbook-initiative>.

Members of the LAC and SGA are encouraged to get the word out on both of these initiatives.

Suggestions:

- Word of mouth/share with other faculty & students
- Social media/posting flyers
- Professors putting them in syllabus
- Students thanking professors for participating

Budget Update

The Libraries finalized cuts for the next fiscal year (2017/18). After meeting with vendors and consulting with faculty from the nursing department, the decision was made to cut both nursing databases. The usage was very low and interlibrary loan can be used for those materials cut. More documentation is needed to get out of the contract with Westlaw.

Because of the decrease in funding, more faculty will use their own resources for teaching materials. Workshops on how faculty can itemize these on taxes would be helpful.

Cook Library – 1st Floor Remodel

The Cook Library first floor remodel project is on hold until the Governor calls a special session and a decision is made regarding a bonding bill that would approve bond monies for the renovations. If they provide bonding money for USM, the remodel will move forward. If legislation doesn't make a decision, the project will remain on hold.