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## Libraries Advisory Committee Minutes - February 7, 2018

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**Libraries' Advisory Committee**  
**February 7, 2018**

Members present: John Eye (chair), Cameron Cloud, Susan Dobson, Max Grivno, Susan Mullican (via conference call), Xinyu Yu

**Campus Reorganization**

How will allocations be determined with the new organizational structure? Since allocations are not based on FTEs, funding will likely continue be allocated to departments, not the colleges.

University Libraries has two fewer librarian liaisons:  
Arts & Letters Librarian – search for replacement nearing final stages.  
Business Librarian – will not be filled at this time.

**Gulf Coast Library 24-hour space**

The Gulf Coast Library 24/7 Study room is now open to all Southern Miss students, faculty, and staff. The room, located on the first floor of the Gulf Coast Library, is open 24 hours a day and seven days a week.

The new space is furnished with tables and chairs, vending machines, WEPA printing station, computers, and security camera. Access is granted by university ID card-swipe.

**Research Carrels in Cook Library**

There are 80 individual research carrels in Cook Library. Carrels are available to rent by university faculty/staff members and currently enrolled students. Assignments are made on a first-come, first-served basis. Rental fees are \$60 each for fall and spring semesters and \$50 for the summer.

There are currently 23 faculty/staff members with carrels. Should the rental fee be increased for faculty/staff? Or should research carrels be reserved for student use only? The carrel policy will be reviewed for possible changes beginning the Fall 2018 semester.

**Cook Library Remodel**

Architects are working on plans for the Bower Academic Center on the second floor of Cook Library. They will be meeting with the engineers in the next few weeks to determine what needs to be done with HVAC and sprinkler system before construction can begin. No construction is planned for the next six months.

At this time, we have no new information on what entities may be moving into the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Cook Library. Possibilities include Career Services, Math Zone, Student Success Center. Dr. Eye is advocating for those whose hours will most align with Library hours and outside of the regular 8 am – 5 pm schedule.

## **McCain Library**

The area on the first floor of McCain Library that was vacated by the Department of Oral History has been divided up between the Graduate School and University Libraries. Dr. Eye and Lorraine Stuart, Head of Special Collections, met with the representatives from the two firms working on McCain Library to discuss the forensic evaluation of the building and issues needing to be fixed. The problems with the building are not structural. Water is entering the building where joints come together and because drainage is poor. This systematic problem throughout the building will need to be fixed in stages and will be expensive (estimated \$1.5 million). Although the project has been moved to the top of the priority list of buildings on campus, the project is at least nine months out even if funds become available.

## **ILS in the bid process**

Lisa Jones, Head of Finance & Technology, has been working with Paige Strickland in iTech to put a new ILS system out for bid. A new contract must be in place by July 1, 2018. The new ILS will work with PRIMO.

## **Website redesign**

The University Libraries' Web Committee has redesigned the Libraries' webpage. The new responsive design allows the webpages to be viewable on all devices including iPads and smartphones. Feedback has been positive.

## **Digital collections software**

Preservica replaced CONTENTdm as the Libraries' digital collections software. Preservica displays digital collections easier and provides a preservation aspect that wasn't available with the previous software.

## **Budget outlook**

The campus reorganization may actually create some savings. It has also forced the Libraries to re-evaluate some journal collections and eliminate those with low usage. The Libraries is planning to cut another \$100k in collections this year. Carol Green, Serials Librarian, is looking at databases for potential cuts.