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Libraries' Advisory Committee
March 1, 2019

Members present via Skype: John Eye (chair), Chris Croft, Susan Mullican, Xinyu Yu

Library Collections/Costs

Although the increase in enrollment is great news, costs for some of the Libraries' databases are based on FTEs so the price will increase as enrollment increases. Some publisher/vendor pricing models are based on an institution's Carnegie Classification, so it's possible that some of our subscription prices will increase because of the University's new R1 classification.

Cook Library Hours

A representative of the Student Government Association contacted Dr. Eye regarding extending Cook Library weekend hours. For the last few years, the hours have been cut when usage numbers are low, but the hours are still comparable to other institutions. Dr. Eye will prepare a more detailed report of usage stats for SGA and requested SGA provide evidence that there is strong interest in longer weekend hours.

McCain Library Renovation

Work on the exterior of the building will begin on May 13. During this time, the plaza between Cook and McCain libraries will be completely blocked off.

ALMA

The new library system is scheduled to go live July 1 but may happen sooner. Dr. Eye will talk to Lisa Jones, Head of Library Technology, about sending out an announcement to the university community.

Statewide Cooperation

The Library Task Force was created by the Institutions of Higher Learning Board of Trustees who asked that the institutions explore the opportunities for collaboration, efficiency, and purchase of mutually beneficial library resources. The Library Taskforce consists of all the university library directors in the state and is chaired by the Provost at Ole Miss. The first meeting was held on February 21, 2019.