**FSW Librarians Meeting**

**Friday, April 11, 2025** https://fsw.zoom.us/j/84168566810

**Agenda**

**Attendees:** Richard Hodges, Jane Charles, Victoria SanFilippo, Krista Biasella, Anthony Valenti, Peter Van Leeuwen, William Shuluk, Timothy Bishop

**Budget Update:**

**Dr. Hodges**

-spending money down to the penny/working well

-requested 5% increase for next fiscal year; around $12,000

-request is being discussed, hope to hear something soon

**Edison-Ford Estates Visit:**

**Dr. Hodges**

-partnership regarding DG

-they have Thomas Edison letters never seen by the public

-Charles Edison foundation is protective of them and trying to decide how much access to give

-they want them present on our Digital Commons page

-Mike Cosdon, student worker 25 years ago from foundation visited library and was impressed with our technology

**Language Service Consideration:**

-met with Dr. McClinton and Dr. Page

-discussed having a language database such as Duolingo or another

-may be valuable tool for students studying abroad

Bill

- library had Mango at one point but wasn’t used

-Dr. McClinton mentioned giving it a try for a year and funding it with lab fees

-wants to have Mango provide a demo

-Mango offers SSO

-Dr. Hodges asked for thoughts or suggestions for other options

Victoria

-advertising could be beneficial

Dr. Hodges

-can do a better job of advertising databases

-Mango only option that offers Creole and ASL

-only a few ASL request but would cost additional 2500.00 annually

Bill

-students being exposed to other languages should be a large part of learning experience

**Hiring:**

Jane

-committee Thomas Rath, Rayne, Anthony Valenti and herself

-went through candidates and have 3 interviews set up

-will be over zoom

-all candidates are internal

-decent pool of people

Dr. Hodges

had Collier candidate set up but candidate withdrew

-many applied with a Bachelor’s or no degree

-recently hired Joseph Herrera for writing tutoring

-need math tutor for Charlotte and Collier

-will be hiring math tutor soon

-Daniel will start in May

**Database Renewals Discussion [Peter]**

-EBSCO PUSING BUSINESS INTERFACE ON ALL SOURCE PRODUCTS

-sent out something about this earlier in the week

-affects Jane mostly

-usage stats for ProQuest U.S. Southeast News stream, 27% drop in usage in 8 months

-News bank America news has double data, no price through FLVC

-seeking other ways of getting Naples/ Fort Myers daily news press

-Ginnett 4000.00 for each one of the above separately

-another option, newspaper.com but expensive

-any thoughts on decision

Bill

-initially not big on 127 databases

-didn’t realize Naples and Fort Myers was available, believes we should maintain ProQuest subscription

Victoria

-can’t really compare as other options don’t have local news

Jane

-many comp professors requiring news sources for assignments

-definitely want to keep the local papers

Victoria

-newspapers should be last to get rid of as opposed to other databases

Bill

-most students get their news through from Social Media but newspapers should be available

Peter

-56% drop in usage of feature films

Dr. Hodges

-780 videos available but over 500 not used

-showed stats for this

-$10,000 investment

-asked Dr. Page for his insights

-will check with faculties on usage

-agreed that advertising is a big issue

-keep for additional year and advertise better

-he and Anthony will meet with nursing about a specific resource for the curriculum

Bill

-is Mergent included?

-it’s through FLVC

**Digital Commons Update:**

-moving along with archives

-hoping to launch in June

-meeting with capstone to show presence

**Student Scholarship**

Honors/Capstone

Victoria

-received will at the advisory board meeting

-answered anticipated questions

-can document events in photos

**Special Collections**:

Rock Collection (Dr. Sauer’s project) Museum of Medical History

-moving along with his rock samples

-2000 samples scanned

-Peter met with museum of medical history

-have lots documents of lee county medical society

Dr. Hodges

Edison & Ford Winter Estates

-will have a presence on DG

-replaced display cases from ones on first floor

-requested additional cases with extra money that’s available

**Capstone: Reflections on the Semester**

Dr. Hodges

-insightful to see how the classes begin and ended

-students became passionate about the projects

Bill

-Clewiston/Moore Haven

-trying to find a way to show case their work without them have to drive far to present

Tim

-lots of travel

-2 weeks left

Victoria

-professors improving on structuring the course

-impressed with the students

Jane

-some presentations done, others ongoing

-more work with new professors but rewarding

-positive cultivating relationships

-students constructive

Tony

-4 asynchronous classes are a lot

-2 a person more doable

-zoom classes worked out pretty well

-zoom option seems like a good idea

-more interactive than in-person classes

Chair Election:

-need to elect a new chair in next few weeks

-discussed

-contractually no chair during summer

-may be moved to Aug 18th

Victoria

-mentioned that Joseph Van Gaalen encouraged library to apply for grants for research and other things

-spread the word

For the Good of the Order

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