

## **University Senate Library Committee Minutes October 11, 2017 in Campbell Library Conference Room**

**Members Attending:** Marjorie Morris, Janet Iles, Robert Wieman, Scott Muir, Sarah Borden, Chris Alonso, Jane Hill

As there were many new members to the committee this year the members discussed the charge of the committee which was approved by the members in the 2016-17 Academic Year and reads:

*The committee facilitates communication regarding the research needs of faculty and students and reviews policies on the support for, management, and use of the libraries' facilities and resources. Additionally, the committee makes recommendations to the University Senate to ensure library resources are of high quality and utilized appropriately to further the educational and research mission of the University.*

Scott Muir reported on the upcoming LibQual Survey which was to be administered to Rowan students and requesting their assessment of library services. A similar survey was administered in Spring 2016. According to Muir the survey focuses on the perceptions that the students have of the Rowan Library system.

Jane Hill was elected chair of the committee. No co-chair was appointed.

Questions that committee members were interested in addressing to better assess the level of service of Rowan's library system included:

1. Is the committee only charged with advising on the Glassboro campus' library?
2. Do we only serve in an advisory capacity and not an initiating policy capacity?
3. Who are our peer institutions in terms of research commitments, enrollments, service and staffing?
4. What is the ratio of graduate to undergraduate students who use the library services at Glassboro, CMSRU, and SOM?

Muir also reported on the Strategic Planning Project based on the finding from the 2016 survey. Some of the initiatives being discussed/initiated as the result of that survey included:

1. Moving Special Collections to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor
2. Facilitating faculty research
3. Digital initiatives in the Glassboro facilities including the recording of oral histories, scanning books for online use.
4. Documenting all public art on Rowan campuses.
5. Cooperation with the Digital Historian project in CHSS
6. Working with faculty to provide more open access textbooks for students struggling to purchase textbooks, particularly for CORE courses.

Committee members expressed an interest in hearing the results of the 2016 survey.

SGA representative Chris Alonso reported on the Camps Affordability Survey where he again emphasized the need that students have for affordable and preferably open access textbooks such as is being developed at Rutgers University.

The meeting was adjourned.