SENATE COMMITTEE ON LIBRARIES, INFORMATION SYSTEMS, AND TECHNOLOGY

Minutes—April 29, 2014 Meeting


Guests: T., Long, C., Raghavan, P., Van Hook, J.

Chair Grimes convened the meeting at 9:00 AM. Grimes asked if there were any additions or correction to minutes of the March 18, 2014 meeting. No addition or corrections. Motion made and seconded to approved minutes as read. Motion passed.

1. Comments from the Chair—Chair Grimes once again expressed his pleasure at serving as chair of the Senate LIST committee. Stated he enjoyed his third term and hoped that everyone benefitted from the topics covered in the meetings during the past academic year.

2. Comments from Dean Dewey—none.

3. Comments from Vice Provost Morooney—absent.

4. Presentation by Padma Raghavan, Associate VP for Research, on Update of Proposed Research Computing governance model. Plans to determine a governance model that can align the delivery of computing and data services to Penn State’s priorities in research and research-intensive learning environments. Powerpoint slides used in the presentation will be posted to the LIST site in Angel.

5. Presentation by Jenny Van Hook, Population Research Center on the opening of the Census Data Research Center. The newly established Penn State Census Research Data Center (RDC) will provide researchers access to highly-restricted federal data, thereby opening up new avenues for social science research and innovation. The Penn State RDC is housed on the second floor of the Paterno Library—a central location that provides researchers from all over campus easy access to this important resource. Van Hook also explained the lengthy security procedures required for access. Report will be prepared for September 2014 Senate meeting.

6. Presentation by Christy Long, Digital Library Technologies/ITS on Changes with Digital Library Technologies/ITS consulting groups. Christy Long provided an overview of Services and Solutions (SaS), a newly formed unit in Information Technology Services (comprised of the following former ITS units: Consulting and Support Services, Digital Library Technologies, Emerging Technologies, and Training Services).

SaS was created to refine customer service and support, redefine service management and
delivery, and support the IT Transformation Program. Information was shared about the IT Transformation Program or ‘ITX’ [see: sites.psu.edu/ittransformation/], an effort across IT at Penn State to increase the value and delivery of IT services for our faculty, students, and staff.

7. Presentation by Barbara Dewey, Dean of University Libraries and Scholarly Communications, on Penn State's membership in the Digital Preservation Network. DPN provides the path to supplement and connect our current best efforts for digital preservation in a robust cyberinfrastructure. Currently DPN has 50 institutional members, most of which are large research institutions.

Meeting Adjourned 10:25 AM.

Minutes submitted by Galen Grime, Committee Chair