Library Committee Meeting: October 31, 2018

Attendees:
Erik Wilkinson
Dr. Vani Selvan
Dr. Natalia Schlabritz-Lutsevich
Dr. Lisa Platner
Esteban Esquivel
Jarrett Lever
Dr. Mikala Reznik

Starting Time: 12:05PM

Approval of Minutes by Erik Wilkinson, Dr. Vani Selvan and Jarrett Lever

Chairman’s Views and Reports

Dr. Selvan asked what the library has been up to since our last meeting. Erik informed her of 3D printed heart and the increase of fourth year medical students taking our library research elective.

Dr. Schlabritz-Lutsevich asked that we advertise our library elective class in the Research Department’s newsletter. She also asked if Endnote is taught within this class (Erik informed that time limitation does not give ample time for instructions on Endnote, but students are encouraged to stop by library for one-on-one assistance.

Director’s Report/ Library New and Offerings

Erik mentioned that he is currently involved with Clerkship Director’s Committee, Research Advisory Committee, and Year 4 Director’s Meeting.

He mentioned that Up-to-Date subscriptions have been dropped by the School of Medicine. Subscription is now only available through the Medical Center Hospital. According to Jarrett Lever, Mr. Mike Callaway informed him that SOM students have access to individual subscriptions.

Erik informed committee that the Disaster Preparation Plan has been prepared, and that it exists in physical copy form downstairs, for those interested. Dr. Reznik asked if it will be uploaded online, and Erik said that it will eventually.

Dr. Schlabritz-Lutsevich informed the committee that the ScholarRx Medical Education Foundation is accepting applications for grant money. Over $250,000 is being offered over a period of 5 years. Interested parties should apply right away as the deadline for grant funds is December 2018.
Erik mentioned that TTU is starting a new library school; the HSC Library, as part of the new program, will be implementing a new health-sciences library elective class, which will be offered to library students by 2020.

Erik said that Odessa branch library is looking forward to renovating the library in future years, opening up new study spaces, plus providing more comfortable furniture. He also mentioned that we are still working towards 24/7 access to the library.

Erik talked about the 3D Makerspace, and that the library is still offering free 3D printing and scanning for TTUHSC affiliated patrons using it for class assignments or research. He also mentioned our Clinical Key Nursing trial subscription, and that interested parties should contact a librarian for the access code.

**Student Government Feedback and Concerns**

According to Mr. Lever, a survey of student population indicates that the School of Medicine student body has expressed interest in:

i) Coffee
ii) Additional monitors (with attachment cables) for laptops
iii) Standing Desks
iv) Treadmill Desks
v) Electric outlets already build into furniture

Mr. Lever asked about status of 24/7 access. Mr. Wilkinson informed him that it’s still pending; more updates coming later in 2019.

Dr. Reznik requested that the library look into purchasing a collection of “bone boxes,” containers of loose bones students can check-out and use. She also asked about e-book collections and how to access them. Erik said he'll look into purchasing the bones; he then showed Dr. Reznik how to access e-books on a tablet devices.

Mr. Lever suggested that Erik get in contact with clerkship coordinators to see what books they provide to their incoming students/residents. Mr. Wilkinson suggested that the clerkship coordinators get in contact with librarians to find out what books they require for the students, and see if those books can be purchased for the library.

Dr. Platner mentioned that the Childhood Coalition Seminar, led by Diane Reeves, is currently scheduled for November 6. Dr. Platner also requested information related to networking. Mr. Wilkinson said that he discuss possibilities later in the week.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2018, at 12PM.

Meeting adjourned at 12:58PM.