VCU Libraries Advisory Committee, November 18, 2016
3rd Floor Conference/Boardroom
James Branch Cabell Library
2:00–3:00 p.m.

Minutes

Attendance
Lorraine Anderson, Meredith Baines, Natalie Baker, Corey Davis, Jose Dula (chair), Fin Hatfield, Cheng Ly, Tom Nelson, Faye Prichard, Valerie Robnolt, Jeremy Stultz, Kenneth Warren

Absent with notice
Lelia Brinegar, Natassja Lewinski, Pam Taylor – substitute was Courtney Wolfgang

Absent
Matt Bogenschutz, MaryBeth DeMarco, Les Harrison

Staff: Kathy Bradshaw, Dennis Clark, John Duke, Jimmy Ghaphery, John Ulmschneider, Pam Fraga (recording secretary)

Guests: Emily Winthrop (VCU Libraries), Kevin Farley (VCU Libraries)

Business

Review and approval of agenda
Agenda was approved as read

Review and approval of minutes from September 2016
Minutes were approved as presented

Noted: Whitney Newcomb is no longer on this committee and her name will be removed from the roster.

Elsevier contract final agreement – handouts
Mr. Ulmschneider reported that the negotiations with Elsevier have been completed. The two handouts show the original projected rate of increase and the final negotiated rate, which totals just under 20% for the life of the contract. He commended Madelyn Wessel, University Counsel, on her excellent guidance and negotiation skills on behalf of the University and VCU Libraries. He pointed out that this contract will not be renewed and so preparations need to begin now to address how VCU and its colleague universities will provide access in the absence of a comprehensive contract. The discussion following included these points:
- Members expressed concern for transparency in rolling out changes that might be needed when the contract ends in five years.
- There is a Dec. 1 meeting of the universities involved in this contract to discuss the future course

- In the past, when it had been necessary to reduce the number of serials purchased, VCU Libraries employed an open process to determine cancelation decisions, including feedback from faculty and guidance from VLAC.
- The formula for each university's share of the total contract cost will take into account the use of the service and size of the institution's collections expenditures.

Reports and Discussion

Center for Research Libraries (CRL) resources; Kanopy streaming media service – handout and online

Dr. Winthrop began her report on CRL by referring to the handouts. She told the Committee that University membership in CRL provides every faculty member and student with membership rights. She showed how to find the CRL information on the VCU Libraries web page. CRL has broad coverage of disciplines, ranging from news and law and government to science/math/engineering and agriculture. She discussed how materials can be selected, purchased and made available; access is through InterLibrary Loan. Because the actual use/request system involves submitting requests in Jan-Feb and then items are purchased and made available in Sept, the primary users are faculty. Most items are digitally available and regardless of who orders the material, it's usable by all faculty and students.

Dr. Farley showed the Committee how to find Kanopy on the VCU Libraries web page. Kanopy is a vast collection of media materials including videos, movies, music, covering humanities, health sciences and social sciences. He told the Committee that the materials are available with performance rights but that cannot be downloaded. He then demonstrated how users can incorporate the material (for example, a movie clip) into the curriculum. Using Kanopy helps reduce the inconvenience of depending on DVDs from the collection, including the wait time to fetch a DVD from storage, setting up the DVD to play, and the like. Kanopy materials are available online for immediate use and are easier to edit and arrange for use in the classroom.

Journal publishing at VCU – handout, PowerPoint
Mr. Ghaphery began his report by reminding the Committee of the various previous discussions about open access publishing, including OpenStack Publisher. He pointed out that publishing by universities is becoming increasingly popular, with funding coming from a variety of sources including grants, sales and operations budgets. He reviewed the various platforms that are used by other universities and reminded the Committee that VCU uses Digital Commons, branded at VCU as Scholars Compass. He said that at VCU publishing is done primarily in 4 areas of interest: Student Work, Conferences, Supplemental Material and Data, and Journal and Peer Reviewed Works, and gave the Committee a brief overview of the works being published in each area of interest. It takes time to build a comprehensive university press and the work being done now is a good foundation for this. This is especially true about publishing textbooks, an area into which many universities are expanding. The next steps include the expansion of VCU's publishing and eventually the creation of an actual "university press".

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.