

Library Advisory Committee Meeting

March 4, 2008

Access Grid Room, 3rd Floor, UAMS Library

1. Introductions – Kevin Ryan joined the UAMS Library Advisory Committee as a representative of the Arkansas Center for Health Improvement.

2. Progress on Library's Short-Term Goals for 2007/08
 - 24/7 study area – the 24/7 study area has been in use since September, 2007, and has been very popular with the students. Usage statistics are being recorded. Additional furniture has been ordered for the study area, and should be in place by the end of May.
 - The Research and Clinical Search Services librarians are very busy, as the number of requested searches continues to grow.
 - The DynaMed project to provide a point-of-care clinical information tool to health professionals throughout the state is progressing. UAMS, ACH and the AHECs and their primary hospitals now have access to DynaMed. A meeting of hospital librarians from throughout the state will be held at UAMS on March 5th to discuss the project further and to plan for the next steps in the distribution of access to DynaMed throughout the state.
 - A new reference/outreach librarian, Daphne Hyatt, will begin work on April 1.
 - Discussions have been held with the Graduate School concerning the online submission of dissertations to ProQuest/UMI and the submission procedures are now being developed. The Graduate School agreed to fund the open access fees, which will enable the dissertations to be immediately available free of charge to anyone interested in accessing them.
 - The Historical Research Center Digital Collections project is going well, with over 500 photographs now in the digital collection and accessible at <http://libcontentdm.uams.edu/HRCDigitalCollections.htm>
 - Preliminary discussions have been held with OED and UALR about the development of a writing and research skills class for students, but nothing has been developed so far.
 - The Library Liaison Program is going well and growing.
 - The use of the Teaching Resource Center in the Library continues to grow, and the Library is busily working with Academic Computing, OED, and the Academic Computing Advisory Committee, the Teaching with Technology Committee, and the Education and Technology Support Program Committee to provide a comprehensive program for supporting educational technology at UAMS.
 - The Arkansas GoLocal project reached a major milestone with the release of the website (www.arhealthlink.org) in February. The site has over 2,000 records of local health-related services available to Arkansans.

- An “NIH Public Access Policy” section will be created on the Library’s website to contain links to information related to the implementation of the policy at UAMS.
 - The development of an emergency management plan for the Library has been slower than anticipated due to other demands, but the IT part of the plan has been developed.
3. Budget Charts – Several charts are developed for the Library’s budget proposal each year. The charts compare the UAMS Library to a group of 13 libraries at institutions chosen as peer institutions by the colleges. The categories for comparison are: total expenditures for journals, books and databases; unique journal titles; expenditures for books; and interlibrary loan items received from outside sources.
 4. Based on suggestions made at the previous Library Advisory Committee meeting, the Library recently added parking and security information to the bulletin board in the lobby outside the Library entrance.
 5. The next Library Advisory Committee meeting will be held in June or early July.