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Library Leadership Team Meeting  
10 September 2013, 2:00 p.m., Administration Conference Room, Poynter Library

Present: Carol Hixson, Gary Austin, David Brodosi, Virginia Champion, Kim Garvey, Deborah Henry, Tina Neville, Patricia Pettijohn, Kaya Van Beynen, Berrie Watson, Jim Schnur

Regrets: None

Guests: Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska, Interim Regional Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Vivian Fueyo

Meeting: Called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Carol

Meeting with Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska:

The primary focus of the meeting was to allow Chancellor Wisniewska to meet with the library’s senior leadership team and discuss matters of importance to our library. Dean Hixson welcomed the Chancellor. Immediately thereafter, each member of the LLT introduced themselves, talked about their primary duties, described their professional experience at USFSP and elsewhere, and answered questions posed by the Chancellor. Carol offered an overview of services the library provides and explained some of the innovative changes within the library during the last few years, such as the redesign of the first floor, and how library staff played pivotal roles in these changes.

Chancellor’s Discussion:

Dr. Wisniewska mentioned that moving forward on the new five-year strategic plan was a high priority during her first year at USFSP. She explained some of the elements of the strategic planning process that have worked well in the Penn State system, as well as how some of these successful elements (such as having a variety of stakeholders and holding meetings for others not directly involved in the process) have ensured that a wide number of voices are heard.

We should celebrate our milestones (such as the fiftieth anniversary), develop better ways to capture and preserve institutional data, strengthen enrollment retention, and evaluate our priorities at a time when the balance of funding sources (legislative allocations, tuition, and other potential revenue streams) is in flux. Interim RVCAA Fueyo joined us during the meeting and talked about some of the discussions that have taken place within the USF System regarding resources and finding ways for various entities within the USF System to meet their strategic mission.

Other Conversations:

After Drs. Wisniewska and Fueyo left the meeting, those in attendance discussed re-evaluating the outcomes and accomplishments of the library’s strategic visioning sessions that took place nearly four years ago. Those in attendance offered their ideas to Dean Hixson about possible next steps.

With no other business under consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Schnur