East Georgia State College

Library Committee Minutes

October 30, 2015

1:00 p.m.

Meeting Facilitator: Amanda McKenzie

Members present: Jeff Howell, Kim Carr, John Smoyer

1. Members introduced each other and the purposed and function of the committee was discussed. The potential for adding a staff member to the committee was discussed—the faculty members all agreed that a staff member should be added to the committee from the Staff Council.

2. Amanda McKenzie addressed faculty communication issues and concerns that have been brought up in other committees (ie: faculty feeling that they receive too many email communications). The committee felt that email was still the best way for the library to communicate with faculty about policies and news items.

3. Affordable Learning Georgia—The deadline for Round 5 of grant applications is December 15. Amanda McKenzie encouraged the faculty committee members to go back to their campuses and individual schools and promote the program as it is good for our students as well as the faculty as it is free money. More information can be found at www.affordablelearninggeorgia.org

4. Amanda McKenzie discussed that she and Jill Kirkland are working on forming a Learning Commons Student Advisory Committee which will be a student board to advise the library and A.C.E. about student concerns. This will replace the student members who used to serve on the library committee. There was some discussion about what the purpose and function of the board would be, and the off-site committee members suggested having some student membership from the other campuses (Statesboro and Augusta) who could potentially polycom in to meetings and advise on A.C.E. issues on their campuses. Amanda McKenzie will investigate the possibility of adding those students and report back. Committee members should send recommendations of potential students to Amanda or Jill.

5. The library is planning on surveying faculty at the end of the semester/beginning of the spring semester about library use and happiness with services. Amanda McKenzie solicited feedback from the committee about specific questions that would be useful to have on the survey. Jeff Howell inquired about the potential for getting the JSTOR database and Amanda McKenzie said that having a question about specific resources that faculty want the library to have should be included on the survey.
6. Amanda McKenzie is working on a Collection Development policy for the library. It was decided by the committee that she would send it out via email when it was completed and that the committee would vote via email on whether or not to approve.