LIBRARY STANDING COMMITTEE

REPORT TO THE FACULTY SENATE

FEBRUARY 1, 2013

Convener: Mary Horn-effective Aug. 1, 2013

Members: Jean Fisher, Gerald Hankins, Padma Nimmakayala, Kent Shaw, Sam Swindell, Alan Tilquist

The library standing committee met once on Aug. 15 and has had several email communications.

Discussion during the Aug. 15 meeting centered on the following:

* Appointment of a convener
* Interest in a state wide consortium to pool resources from all West Virginia libraries, specifically academic libraries
* Committee members decided to gather information about other state wide consortiums such as those in Pennsylvania, Missouri and Texas.
* Gather information to enhance the library’s interlibrary loan service

As a follow up to the Aug. 15th meeting, Mary Horn very recently discovered that David Clendinning had participated in a West Virginia Consortium meeting on May 25, 2012. Several academic library directors/deans attended and discussion focused on the HEPC Vision 2015/2020 Division of Science & Research, Strategic Plan Goal 4 which **“establishes statewide or regional infrastructure to provide 21st century library resources to all institutions.”** Attendeesdeliberated implementation plans and conducted a question and answer session with Dr. Taylor, a representative from the HEPC Division of Science & Research.

Mary Horn contacted the some of the people attending the statewide consortium meeting and was told it hadn’t been active for a few months. Problems encountered were major staffing changes at the HEPC, WVNET’s role in a state wide consortium and the possibility of impending budget cuts statewide-it is difficult to move projects ahead when funds aren’t available. However there is talk of resurrecting this forum to at least continue discussion on this important venture.

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