Meeting Minutes for May 6th 2013

The meeting was held in South Hall room 121 and called to order at 8:12 am. Adjourned at 8:41 am

Committee members in attendance:
  • Kurt Leichtle
  • Valerie Malzacher
  • Rhonda Petree
  • Molly Van Wagner
  • Tony Varghese
  • Matt Vonk

1. Minutes from the February 6th 2013 meeting were reviewed; motion by K. Leichtle to approve the minutes, seconded by M. Van Wagner, and approved unanimously by voice vote.

2. Committee member and Director of the UWRF Library, V. Malzacher briefed the committee on changes proposed by the Library to the Library Reserve Service:
   • The electronic reserve service – accessible by all students – has been used by about 5 faculty and 4 of them are willing to a different electronic mode of delivery. There will be just 1 faculty member using this.
   • Main motivation to change is to mitigate litigation. A university was sued by a publisher for allowing unauthorized access to electronic excerpts of books.
   • The proposed remedy is the UW-System learning management system, Desire2Learn. This is a closed system and faculty will be sure that only students registered for a class will have access to the electronic material in D2L.

M. Vonk moved to phase out the current electronic reserve system at the UWRF Library L. Leichtle seconded.
Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. V. Malzacher updated the committee on WiscNet: Changes are being made in Madison to comply with the new legislation requiring separation of the UW-System facilities and WiscNet, the main provider of internet service to the UWRF campus. No action taken by this committee.

4. V. Malzacher updated the committee on electronic textbooks: the UWRF Library will propose that a task force be appointed in the Fall to investigate the use of electronic textbooks. It was noted that the adoption of e-books could increase fees paid by students.

Discussion followed on whether the task force should involve this committee – Learning Resources Committee – or whether the Faculty Senate should appoint the members of the task force. K. Leichtle recommended that the task force be composed of members of this committee. The UWRF Library will propose the formation of a task force to the Faculty Senate in the Fall (2013-14). At that time, this committee will vote whether to support the formation of this task force. No other action taken.

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