LBSC Committee Meeting 7/27/15

Minutes

Present: Anthony D’Apice, Peter Krumins, Marlena, Frackowski, Paula Rainey, Bethany Sewell

1. Committee Members

   • Andrew and Paula expressed interest in co-chairing the committee. Before LBSC can vote, it needs clarification on two questions. Bethany will submit the two following questions to the Steering Committee:
     - Is it acceptable to have two have two members serve as co-chairs for the Library Building and Safety Committee?
     - Is it possible for the Dean’s Designee (who has no voting rights) to serve as co-chair for LSPC? Both the Library Steering Committee and Library Governance have the Dean serve on their committee. In fact the Library Steering Committee is co-chaired by the Dean.
   • Taras asked Bethany to send him a summary regarding the two students’ participation on LBSC. Paula will write a very brief summary for Bethany to email Taras.

2. Noise Recommendation

   • The Steering Committee did not accept LBSC’s proposal for the noise charge. The next step will be for the Steering Committee to convey the reason(s) why the proposal was not accepted, and most likely revisit the charge.
   • Question: Is there a link between food and noise. Where food travels, does noise as well?

3. TCNJ Library’s Current Food/Drink Policy

   • There seems to be some confusion as to whether or not LBSC is working on a charge to investigate TCNJ’s current food/drink policy. LBSC was not given a formal charge to look into this current topic. However the committee did talk about this topic in meetings, and noted in minutes that it would ponder the current policy. Thus, the Steering Committee was under the impression it was a current charge for LBSC.
   • Paula questioned whether or not we should enforce the policy before fall 2015, especially since the new college Barnes & Noble opening this fall will contain a Starbucks.
   • Other members suggested that it is the library “culture” which needs to be changed to accommodate the need for students to eat and drink while they are studying. We want students to visit the library. Thoughts included: 1) Modifying the no food/drink policy, where students are permitted to eat/drink covered food (still no outside food deliveries to the library), 2) Utilizing students workers to help clean up trash bins after Building
Services personnel leave for the day, 3) Purchasing extra trash bins, 4) Go Green with the Library – Reach out to student organizations to help reduce waste.

4. World Class Library

- A World Class Library is dynamic in nature, and it changes as patrons’ needs change. We also can conduct informal assessment (for instance, offering a comments box).
- LBSC still needs to propose action. We know the library does not look as good as it did when it first opened. Some of the action involved with maintaining a world class library (physically) is out of the library’s control. For instance, the library does not have a say when the building services staff should be scheduled to clean the library, and TCNJ may not purchase extra library trash cans.
- Each committee members will submit their comments and suggestions about literature review to Paula and Bethany by Thursday, 7/21/2015. Bethany and Paula will finalize changes, and Bethany will send to the Steering Committee.
- LSBC will submit a more detailed proposal for future discussion/recommendations to the Steering Committee. Bethany proposed using professional development funds to bring an expert speaker on campus who knows how to help improve the library’s customer service model where employees and student workers bring on a “yes” attitude. At the same time, the Library needs to come up with a “value” statement.

5. Next Meeting
- The next meeting will take place in two weeks.