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October 1, 2013: 3-4pm, 605 Hodges Library

Faculty Senate Library and Information Technology Committee

University of Tennessee: Meeting Minutes [Approved]

In attendance: Holly (UT Library: Guest), Joseph Beard (SGA), Marianne Breinig, Agricola Odoi, Joel Reeves (ex officio), Steven Smith (ex officio), Robert Spirko, Kathi Wong, Bharat Mehra (Chair).

Absent: Greg Billings (GSS), Stan Bowie, Mark Collins, David Golden (ex officio), John Haas, Wonjae Hwang, Yvonne Pelletier,

The committee members in attendance briefly introduced themselves followed by a review of the Committee Charge (Mehra). Library Dean Steve Smith delivered a power point presentation entitled “UTK Libraries, The BIG Picture: Updates and Strategic Priorities.” Smith highlighted various library updates and priorities [presentation is available in pdf format along with the minutes] that included some of the following:

- Library strategy aligns with campus Top 25 and Vol Vision priorities.
- Library Strategic Plan that included: Teaching and Learning; Research Support, Discovery and Access; Digital Initiatives, Scholarly Communication and Technology Innovation; and The 24 Hour Intellectual and Social Hub.
- Highlights of progress and effort such as: renovations, facility improvements/usage; 24/5 schedule; new webpage; new ILS; PARSSL - Preserving the Academic Record of Scientific and Scholarly Initiative; etc.
- Review of challenges in workforce, aging infrastructure, and collections.
- Funding include: Friends changes; Student Library Fee; Facilities Fee; Partnership on new positions; and Inflation factor.
- Big Picture Budget concerns.
- Focus on People.

Joel Reeves, Assistant Vice-Chancellor and Chief Information Officer, provided an update of IT items in a power point presentation [presentation is available in pdf format along with the minutes]. Reeves also provided a response to the following:

- Faculty clearly stated OIT should not be doing Blackboard maintenance on weeknights due to classes in progress, including Friday night. Reeves will work with staff to develop a standard pre-emption for Blackboard maintenance with these guidelines.

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- There was a request to get the Single Sign On to Blackboard working within MyUTK. OIT is currently working on this and Reeves will communicate a timeline. Reeves will follow-up in other aspects to address that included funny characters when you copy on Blackboard and the status of campus pack – blogs. The meeting was adjourned at 4pm.