

Library Task Force
April 21, 2017

Present: Tim Babasade, Stephanie Scheeler, Erin McKenna, Steve Perry, Peter Mercer, Liz Seicke, Cathy Davey, Susan Vallario, Melissa Van Der Wall, Roark Atkinson

Guests: Kirsten DaSilva, Katie Cohen (for Leigh Keller)

Excused: Beth Barnett, Leigh Keller

President Mercer asked the TF to provide comments on the meeting summary or matrix outcomes spreadsheet. Dean Siecke asked to move the Bloomberg terminal to yellow and recalls requesting more data. There has been discussion that Dean Petkus has put in a SPIF request for fall 2017. In regard to the Bloomberg terminal, VP DaSilva reminded VP Davey to forward the specs for the Bloomberg Terminal.

Tim Babasade led an informative session on Maker Spaces. Maker Spaces provides an opportunity for students that usually don't have access such technology to experience it first-hand. Tim noted some of the most popular items in maker space: 3d printers, laser cutter, electronic and soldering tools, woodworking and metal working tools.

After the presentation discussion ensued regarding adding a Maker Space to the Library/Learning Commons. Dean Perry expressed concern that these items are currently in labs on campus. Trustee Vallario reminded the TF to think about the Library/Learning Commons not only for immediate needs, but for the future. We cannot keep cutting out new and exciting things for generating additional revenue for the project. We are now at a point that we have acknowledged those "must haves" and cannot lose sight of what we need to carry through to the future. Dean Perry would like to take idea to CA faculty for brainstorming. Katie Cohen would like the cost to keep this running. There will be raw material costs associated with the space. President Mercer informed the TF that the space would have its own budget and those responsible will be the ones that maintain it.

Other Business –

Discussion ensued regarding a potential Mindful Space in the Library/Learning Commons. President Mercer informed the TF that the current space is only available for a few more years. The Krame Center would only require a very small amount of office space and will have a multi-purpose space used by the Krame Center and others. There is a fundraising opportunity for this to be added to Library/Learning Commons, we are close to a multimillion dollar gift for this type of space. Dean Perry informed the group that there is the possibility of fundraising for the Rodman Gallery.

Trustee Vallario agrees this should be included in the space, providing it can be co-used. She did request how much space is needed and for their outline of how they plan to share the space.

Roark Atkinson does not see this as a compatible use of space. He feels that there are activities that should not be held in library. President Mercer reminded the TF that just because it is called an "event" does not give the content specific meaning. Members of the TF requested more information and more definition for this space. Such a space might not be imbedded deeply in library, but peripheral. Roark Atkinson asked the TF to read white paper and review data from survey. Look at priorities of faculty and students. Many members of the TF indicated they had read the white papers when first appointed to the TF. Also expressed by members of the TF is that students are not necessarily looking to the future but focused on what they know they are lacking now.

The job of the TF is to opine and make recommendations to President Mercer regarding the programmatic needs of space as it applies to the Learning Commons. Trustee Vallario echoed the statement, reminding that TF that they are not redefining a mission just recognizing how the changing needs will be met. How do we support this mission with these potentially different spaces?

There was discussion regarding the Gross Center. This is a circulating collection and in the catalog in the Library. The space needs would be a secure office for the director, if not with collection. The question was raised if this office space would be more appropriately located in the school where the he teaches and not in the Library. Provost Barnett needs to weigh in on location of office.

Listing of the Jane Addams Collection on matrix is not specific to the Jane Addams Collection, but a special collection area. The Library needs to have an area for special collections.

The architects will attend the upcoming meeting to present the preliminary schematic design.