

Library Committee Meeting  
Spring Meeting  
Tuesday, March 30, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Floyd Christian at 3:30 p.m. in Joe Weber's library office. Committee members present were Christian, Carol Baskuaf, Roxanne Gerbrandt, Katie Richie, and Weber.

The shift of institutional-membership duties from the library committee to Assistant Vice President Tim Hurst was discussed as a matter of information.

The status of book-ordering by the faculty was discussed, and ideas were shared about possible changes which might be productive. Ways of making the process easier for the faculty were discussed, with the hope that participation might increase. Improvement in financial resources was indicated.

The status of digital resources was discussed, and comparisons were made between these resources and on-the-shelf resources. The availability of digital information has steadily grown, as well as usage of such. Computer use and library access by students has increased, and it was pointed out that as this has occurred, student useage of more traditional resources has increased.

A report was made by Joe Weber about the activities of the library at the present time, as well as about the status of the current resources. The committee was brought up-to-date about library renovations and plans. As in the fall meeting, it was noted that several quality activities for the Austin Peay community, as well as for the greater Clarksville community, continue to be offered.

Through creative networking with other universities in Tennessee, improved digital access to several areas of academic need have occurred in a very fiscally way. Efforts are continuing to be made by the library staff to obtain more information access at an attractive price.

The committee adjourned at 4:45 p.m.



Submitted by Dr. Floyd Christian, Jr.  
Chairperson, Library Committee

Library Committee Meeting  
Fall Meeting  
November 18, 2009

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A report was made by Joe Weber about the activities of the library at the present time, as well as about the status of the current resources. It was noted in the resulting conversation that significant, progressive changes have occurred in how the Woodward Library serves as a "crossroads" of the APSU academic community of students, staff, and faculty with the greater Clarksville and Tennessee culture. It was also noted that recent yearly budget resources have improved to the extent that Austin Peay has been able to at least maintain, if not slightly improve, its fiscal status in comparison with other similar institutions. An important part of these yearly increases has been the inclusion of Austin Peay's library in TAF Fund distributions.

At the same time, it was mentioned that careful spending choices had been made in recent years, and would remain necessary indefinitely to continue the progress of broadening the functions of the library. It was noted that some current thinking about improving faculty access to digital information in their respective fields might involve pooling resources with other universities (consortial purchasing). Success of this type has occurred in Tennessee with the sharing of information through Telnet.

One key purpose of the meeting was to ask the committee for ideas about future directions for the library, as well as for ways in which procedures could be improved. Focus meetings of broad makeup have been held during this semester towards this purpose, so that the committee responses provided a continuation of this process. Several suggestions were made.

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