Faculty Minutes of May 6, 2010

Present: Director of Library Services, Assistant Director of Library Services, Instructional Librarian, Archives Librarian, Technical and Electronic Services Librarian, Collection Development Librarian, Access Services Librarian, Community Outreach Librarian, and Archives and Computer Specialist.

Meeting opened at 1:00 in the Library Media Room, 116.

The meeting opened with a presentation by the Archives and Computer Specialist. He demonstrated Films on Demand, digital educational video collection. He showed the librarians how videos can be selected by subject: Humanities and Social Sciences, Business and Economics, Science and Mathematics, or Health and Medicine. He also demonstrated how to access via the library home page and how to create an account. My playlists can be compiled for instant access to favorite films or segments of films. Films on Demand can be imported into Blackboard instruction as well as face-to-face classroom instruction. Last, he showed the librarians how films or segments of films can be cited in MLA and Chicago styles.

Next, the Technical and Electronic Services Librarian presented information about the Innovative Interfaces Users Group 2010 conference which she attended in Chicago. She informed the librarians that she had placed all of her notes (from 20 sessions) on the W drive. She addressed new technologies in iii Enhancements, Customizations, and WebPAC.

She went on to discuss online visits. World Cat had 3,935 visits last year. The catalog had 17,168 visits. The Cameron University Library website had a total of 109,946 visits. She stated that many of these visits were from out of state and even out of the country. Oklahoma City provided the largest number of visits at 15,916. The number of mobile visits, 422, was up.

The next area of discussion was databases’ page redesign. Data indicated that most users selected databases by subject area. Data showed 185,974 users in 2008; the number remained virtually the same for 2009. The difference in use was in specialized databases. Students used specialized databases rather than general databases. The librarians concluded that specialized databases provided less searching for needed materials/resources.

The Director of Library Services addressed the librarians. She asked the librarians to read The Horizon Report. This report indicated greater use of technology in the future, particularly e books, cloud computing, open content access, and mobile uses. The Director reported that she has ordered one kindle for the library. This kindle is to be for demonstration purposes initially. Books will be ordered for
download. In the future faculty, administrators, and students will be able to check out the Kindle. Instructional Librarian reported that Texas A&M does this but on a very limited basis; they download book only after specific request for that particular book. This practice is related to the cost of downloading.

The Director also announced that the bookstore will be renting texts in the future. The information had been given to the deans by Dr. McArthur. A discussion of the savings of renting vs. buying ensued. However, the library will continue to provide textbooks for check out.

Assistant Director of Library Services spoke next. She discussed the situation of professors who teach their own information literacy skills. She explained the advantages of having librarians teach these skills. She suggested that the librarians meet with the departments and offer to go to individual classes rather than having the professors bring their classes into the library. She felt time was the major issue at hand.

Instructional Librarian stated that she is going to create an information literacy flyer. This flyer can be given to departments on campus as well as to public schools and other organizations. A discussion of the Smart Cart followed the information about the flyer and outreach activities. The Archives and Computer Specialist has had much success with the Smart Cart at the MCC. The Director suggested that signs be placed on the cart to designate library services.

Archives Librarian spoke about the Higher Learning Commission. The library is going to serve as a digital repository for documents needed for accreditation purposes. It was noted that in the future the HLC will require continuous archiving of documents electronically.

Last, Director of Library Services addressed the budget. According to all information, there will be budget cuts for 2010-2011 and possibly 2011-2012. Cameron has had record enrollment, but state funding has been reduced. Also, according to Sherry, West Hall is to be demolished; Student Activities Building is to be remodeled.

In closing, Assistant Director of Library Services reminded librarians of the workshop on Friday, May 7th. This workshop, “Generational Mix”, is to be conducted by Dana Bickford. Lunch will be provided at the MCC.