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Present: Amanda Olm, Don Richardson, Jessica Colati, Debbie Bockus, Marie DiRuzza

- Don addressed the issue of a second entrance in the back of the library that has been requested by SGA, and which was mentioned in the November 12, 2013 SGA meeting minutes. The SGA minutes seemed to indicate a connection between the Alumni Gym project and a rear library entrance. Don said that the two projects are not connected, and that a rear library entrance won’t happen soon because the library is hoping to have an architectural and engineering study of the building done first in order to see what makes the most sense. The library will keep this request in mind should there be an opportunity in the future.
- Debbie informed the group that new table tents have been placed about the building in regards to the complaint of “squatters” who leave their belongings on tables and in rooms when they leave the area. This was in response to an article in The Towers.
- Debbie updated the group on the collaboration between the library and SGA CAI textbook program. Library staff is waiting to get the C term list of classes with 100 or more students enrolled. The required textbooks will be identified and priced and the costs will be sent to SGA for approval. Once approved, the library will purchase and put on reserve.
- Don spoke of the meeting between staff from the library and Help desk with Bill Grudzinski of Facilities and a representative from Greener U. This organization is doing an energy/sustainability audit of buildings on campus. Amanda asked if the computers in the building and campus computer labs were turned off overnight to conserve energy. Marie believed that built-in powersave options were in effect but that machines needed to be left on overnight to ensure security updates/patches were installed. She will ask if there is a powersave schedule in place.
- Operational hours of the building for the upcoming Thanksgiving weekend were announced.
- Amanda said that members of the SGA are looking at academic space and optimizing use. One area that they felt could be better utilized is Anderson Labs. Currently being used as a Tech Suite during selected times of the day, there may only be a handful of students using the computers. Since computer access is at a premium across campus (Salisbury Labs gets lots of use. Other labs are reserved often or only available to certain majors), it might be better to offer it as an open lab without reservations during selected times. Staff agreed to bring this to the attention of the library’s administration for consideration.
- Jess asked Amanda about obtaining the SGA meeting minutes for the repository.